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ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE  
TOWN OFFICERS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF MENDON

INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE  
Municipal Year Ending December 31, 1943

277TH ANNUAL REPORT

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## TOWN OF MENDON.

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Town of Mendon Incorporated May 15, 1667.

Population 1315, 1940 Census.

Registered Voters in 1943: Men, 402. Women, 388. Total, 790.

Annual Meeting: First Monday in March.

County Commissioners:

Elbert M. Crockett, Chairman ..... Milford

George W. Jones ..... Worcester

Francis E. Cassidy ..... Webster

Fourth Congressional District

Congressman, Joseph William Martin, Jr. .... North Attleboro

Seventh Councillor District

Councillor, George E. Nelson ..... Worcester

Fourth Senatorial District

Senator, Everett W. Stone ..... Auburn

Ninth Worcester Representative District

Representative General Court, Daniel B. Lane, Jr. Whitinsville

## TOWN OFFICERS.

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### SELECTMEN.

(Selectmen serve as Board of Public Welfare  
Board of Health and Fence Viewers).

Harold Metcalf      Roy A. Barrows      D. Victor Smith  
Silas H. Dudley (for unexpired term of Harold Metcalf  
serving in Armed Forces.)

### TOWN CLERK.

Albert S. Coleman

### TOWN TREASURER.

Moses U. Gaskill

### TAX COLLECTOR.

Arthur P. Dalton

### ASSESSORS.

Carl M. Taft    Edward T. Whiting    Charles F. Leonard, Clerk

### AUDITOR.

William A. Barry

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Donald B. Lowell    Atty. George F. Lee    Silas H. Dudley

### TRUSTEES OF TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Harold Metcalf      Atty. George F. Lee      Percy Rowe  
Lena W. George      Edward T. Whiting, Secretary

## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

Joseph W. McEwen

Albert S. Coleman, Clerk

## FINANCE COMMITTEE.

W. Arthur Robinson

Franklin E. Goodnow

## PARK COMMISSIONERS.

Duncan J. Pond

Edward T. Whiting

Constable and Chief of Police ..... Harold C. Barrows

Tree Warden ..... William E. Nuttall

Town Solicitor ..... Shelley D. Vincent

Dog Officer ..... Harold C. Barrows

Public Weigher ..... Richard Gaskill

Sealer of Weights and Measures ..... Walter Taylor

Superintendent of Schools ..... Percy Rowe

Fire Chief and Forest Warden ..... Harold F. Lowell

Superintendent of Streets ..... Arthur A. Sabatinelli

Burial Agent ..... Norry J. Daige

Inspector of Slaughtering ..... Frank Phillips

Inspector of Animals ..... Moses U. Gaskill

Rationing Board:

Moses U. Gaskill

Charlotte E. Lowell, Clerk

Charlotte E. Lowell, Clerk

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

1943.

## DOGS LICENSED IN 1943.

|                                         |          |          |
|-----------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| 122 Males at \$2.00 each .....          | \$244 00 |          |
| 30 Females at \$5.00 each .....         | 150 00   |          |
| 48 Spayed Females at \$2.00 each .....  | 96 00    |          |
| 3 Kennel Licenses at \$25.00 each ..... | 75 00    |          |
|                                         |          | \$565 00 |
| Less Clerk's Fees, 203 licenses at 20c  |          | 40 60    |
|                                         |          |          |
| Cash paid Town Treasurer as per         |          |          |
| Monthly returns .....                   |          | \$524 40 |

Dog Licenses become due April 1st. No bills are sent for this tax, so please assist the Clerk by paying your Dog License promptly.

SPORTING LICENSES ISSUED FROM  
JANUARY 1, 1943 TO DECEMBER 31, 1943.

|        |                                                 |    |        |          |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------|----|--------|----------|
| Series | 1 Resident Citizen Fishing                      | 55 | \$2.00 | \$110.00 |
|        | 2 Resident Citizen Hunting                      | 49 | 2.00   | 98.00    |
|        | 3 Resident Citizen Sporting                     | 50 | 3.25   | 162.50   |
|        | 4 Resident Citizen Minors<br>and Female Fishing | 39 | 1.25   | 48.75    |
|        | 6 Resident Citizen Trapping                     | 2  | 5.25   | 10.50    |
|        | 7 Resident Citizen Sport-<br>ing Free           | 6  |        |          |
|        | 8 Special Non-resident<br>Fishing               | 2  | 1.50   | 3.00     |

|                                                                      |     |       |          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------|----------|
| 10 Non-resident Fishing                                              | 1   | 5.25  | 5.25     |
| 11 Non-resident Hunting                                              | 1   | 10.25 | 10.25    |
| 12 Non-resident Sporting                                             | 1   | 15.25 | 15.25    |
| 13 Duplicate licenses                                                | 2   | .50   | 1.00     |
| 16 Resident Military Free                                            | 2   |       |          |
|                                                                      |     |       | <hr/>    |
|                                                                      |     |       | \$464.50 |
| Fees retained by Clerk                                               | 200 | .25   | 50.00    |
|                                                                      |     |       | <hr/>    |
| Amount paid Division of Fisheries<br>and Game as per monthly reports |     |       | \$414.50 |

## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1943.

| Date of Birth 1943 |    | Name of Child              | Parents with Maiden Name of Mother  |
|--------------------|----|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Feb.               | 4  | Colin Verne Maynard        | Milo S. and Thelma M. Rogers        |
|                    | 10 | Robert Milton Wandres      | Charles M. and Mildred L. Shurtleff |
|                    | 12 | Stanley Bernard Rogers     | Norman I. and Dorothy Brown         |
|                    | 14 | Lynwood Earl Ellis, Jr.    | Lynwood and Dorothy Smith           |
|                    | 21 | Thomas Charles Phipps      | Wilbur F. and Mabel Young           |
|                    | 22 | Albert Donald Johnson      | Edward P. and Edith E. Robinson     |
| Mar.               | 24 | Merilyn Priscilla Rondeau  | Joseph A. and Priscilla Simmons     |
|                    | 12 | John Roy Desmarais         | Armand A. and Marion C. Pietrowska  |
|                    | 27 | Jesse Everett Cox          | Nathaniel B. and Doris M. Daniels   |
| Apr.               | 15 | Sandra Jane Harvey         | Edward G. and Helen L. Berg         |
| May                | 4  | Stanley William Barker     | Stanley E. and Regina Arnold        |
|                    | 11 | Thomas Edgar Irons         | Lester L. and June W. Smith         |
|                    | 11 | Catherine Marie O'Grady    | Edwin G. and Mary R. West           |
|                    | 11 | Peter Ian Denton           | Ian O. and Priscilla Wood           |
|                    | 11 | Linda Frances Fantini      | Saverio F. and Mary P. Quirk        |
|                    | 27 | Clifford Leroy Eisner      | Clifford M. and Marion L. Robertson |
| July               | 20 | Leo Louis Tetreault        | Leo and Orise Lamothe               |
|                    | 23 | David Shanahan             | Charles J. and Geraldine R. Murphy  |
|                    | 28 | Leo Joseph Wiersma         | Cornelius and Annie DeVries         |
|                    | 30 | Lucille Marie Carrabba     | John and Helen Quirk                |
| Aug.               | 28 | Janice Maxine Carpenter    | Ernest and Beatrice Wood            |
| Sept.              | 1  | Earl Bradford Adams        | Donald and Martha Seagrave          |
|                    | 3  | Baby Girl Vander Sluis     | Robert and Elezabeth Heerdt         |
|                    | 12 | Marilyn Christina Goss     | Edward C. and Margaret Riley        |
|                    | 30 | Paul Richard Lamothe       | Aram A. and Blanche Counter         |
| Oct.               | 19 | Henry Joseph Bouchard, Jr. | Henry J. and Esther M. Coffin       |
|                    | 22 | Cynthia Jane Adams         | Francis C. and Mary E. Lane         |
| Nov.               | 11 | Mary Frances Hern          | Joseph F. and Alice Closson         |
| Dec.               | 3  | Stillborn                  |                                     |
|                    | 4  | Judith Anne Pareseau       | Paul H. and Mafalda Elce            |
|                    | 7  | Edward Arthur Roy          | Wilfred J. and Beatrice Garceau     |
|                    | 7  | Suzanne Norma Roy          | Wilfred J. and Beatrice Garceau     |
|                    | 11 | Jean Elizabeth Auty        | Alfred and Hazel Holden             |



## MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1943.

| Date of<br>Marriage<br>1943 |    | Residence        | Names                     |
|-----------------------------|----|------------------|---------------------------|
| Jan.                        | 7  | Hopedale, Mass.  | Joseph F. Brown           |
|                             |    | Mendon           | Rose A. Leoncini          |
| Apr.                        | 25 | Mendon           | George F. Lee             |
|                             |    | Mendon           | Grace Marion Ellison      |
| May                         | 5  | Mendon           | Edgar L. White, Jr.       |
|                             |    | Upton, Mass.     | Gloria Stuart             |
| June                        | 13 | Hartford, Conn.  | Merrill C. Selwood        |
|                             |    | Hartford, Conn.  | Ellen L. Messenger        |
|                             | 27 | Mendon           | Russell C. Longton        |
|                             |    | Mendon           | Ruth I. Perron            |
|                             | 27 | Mendon           | George Hermann Derry, Jr. |
|                             |    | Portland, Maine  | Beryl Bryant              |
| July                        | 2  | Johnstown, Pa.   | Joseph F. Hern            |
|                             |    | Mendon           | Alice Mae Closson         |
|                             | 3  | Mendon           | Salvatore Tineo           |
|                             |    | Hopedale, Mass.  | Ninciatta Mincarelli      |
|                             | 4  | Roxbury, Mass.   | Gerald Boyce Hill         |
|                             |    | Mendon           | Alma Marie Hersey         |
|                             | 15 | Kansas City, Mo. | Harry Ferguson Darling    |
|                             |    | Mendon           | Doris Burnett Taft        |
| Aug.                        | 9  | Mendon           | Arthur G. Roy             |
|                             |    | Mendon           | Virginia Evelyn Longton   |
|                             | 14 | Mendon           | Edwin Chester Hammond     |
|                             |    | Milford, Mass.   | Edith Emma Hill           |
| Oct.                        | 23 | Hopedale, Mass.  | John H. Nealley           |
|                             |    | Mendon           | Rita Frances Coe          |
| Nov.                        | 29 | Mendon           | William A. Armitage       |
|                             |    | Hopedale, Mass.  | Esther A. Kimball         |
| Dec.                        | 21 | Worcester, Mass. | Joseph O. Ottaviano       |
|                             |    | Mendon           | Gertrude M. Svedine       |

# DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1943.

| Date of<br>Death<br>1943 | Name                     | Age |    |    | Cause of Death                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----|----|----|-----------------------------------|
|                          |                          | Y   | M  | D  |                                   |
| Jan. 15                  | John Franklin Leonard    | 75  | 1  | 19 | Coronary occlusion                |
| 16                       | Clifford Howard Miller   | ..  | 10 | 9  | Broncho pneumonia                 |
| Feb. 22                  | Delia M. Lally           | 91  | .. | 20 | Arterio sclerosis                 |
| Mar. 13                  | Herbert J. George        | 74  | 9  | 25 | Pneumonia carcinomatosis          |
| May 12                   | Frank O. Ducharme        | 79  | 6  | .. | Carcinoma of stomach              |
| June 18                  | Justin F. Southwick      | 63  | 3  | 24 | Coronary occlusion                |
| Aug. 8                   | Hannah S. Smith          | 71  | 10 | 28 | Angina pectoris                   |
| 23                       | Cora McDonald            | 72  | .. | .. | Carcinoma of Breast               |
| Sept. 4                  | Baby Girl Vander Sluis   | ..  | .. | 2  | Prematurity                       |
| 16                       | Harold A. Leonard        | 70  | 8  | 21 | Coronary thrombosis               |
| Oct. 29                  | Frederick Porter Bullard | 83  | .. | 25 | Arterio sclerosis                 |
| Dec. 3                   | Stillborn                |     |    |    |                                   |
| 23                       | Raymond William Bessette | 17  | .. | 16 | Cerebrospinal fever Meningococcus |
| 25                       | Florence G. Dalrymple    | 41  | 4  | 25 | Pulmonary tuberculosis            |

Parents and others are requested to carefully examine the above lists and if any errors or omissions are discovered report them at once to the town clerk, that the record may be corrected, as it is of importance that the records of Vital Statistics should be complete. Herewith are extracts from the General Laws, Chapter 46.

GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 46, SECTION 3.

(As Amended by Chapter 281, Section 1, Acts of 1925).

Every physician, or hospital medical officer registered under section nine of chapter one hundred and twelve, in this chapter called officer, shall keep a record of the birth of every child in cases of which he was in charge, showing date and place of birth, the name, if any, of the child, its sex and color, the name, age, birthplace, occupation and residence (including the street number, if any, and the ward number, if in a city) of each parent, the maiden name of the mother and the name of the physician or officer, if any, personally attending the birth. If the child is illegitimate, the name of, and other facts relating to the father shall not be set forth except upon written request of both the father and mother; provided, that if an illegitimate child shall have become legitimate by the intermarriage of his parents and the acknowledgment of his father, as provided in section seven of chapter one hundred and ninety, prior to the mailing or delivery of any report herein required, such report shall read, in all respects, as if such child had been born to such parents in lawful wedlock. Said physician or officer shall, within fifteen days after such birth, mail or deliver to the clerk or registrar of the town where such birth occurred, a report stating the facts hereinabove required to be shown on said record and also the said written request, if any; provided, that if said report is not so made within forty-eight hours after such birth, said physician or officer shall, within said forty-eight hours, mail or deliver to said clerk or registrar

a notice stating the date and place of the birth, the street number, if any, the ward number, if in a city, and the family name. Upon presentation to him of a certificate of the town clerk stating that any such birth has been duly reported, the town treasurer shall pay to such physician or officer a fee of twenty-five cents for each birth so reported. Any physician or any such officer violating any provision of this section shall forfeit not more than twenty-five dollars. The said town clerk or registrar shall file daily with the local board of health a list of all births reported to him, showing, as to each, the date of birth, sex, color, family name, residence, ward and physician or officer in charge.

#### GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 46, SECTION 6.

Parents, within forty days after the birth of a child, and every householder, within forty days after a birth in his house, shall cause notice thereof to be given to the clerk of the town where such child is born \* \* \*.

Blanks may be obtained upon application to the town clerk.

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#### NOTICE

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#### SOME OF THE MANY

#### REASONS WHY BIRTHS SHOULD BE RECORDED.

To establish identity.

To prove nationality.

To prove legitimacy.

To show when the child has the right to enter school.

To show when the child has the right to seek employment under the child labor law.

To establish the right of inheritance to property.

To establish liability to military duty, as well as exemption therefrom.

To establish age and citizenship in order to vote.

To qualify to hold title to, and to buy or sell real estate.

To establish the right to hold public office.

To prove the age at which the marriage contract may be entered into.

To prove age to determine validity of a contract entered into by an alleged minor.

To prove age for Old Age Assistance.

To prove age so as to have the right to take Civil Service Examinations.

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Parents be sure to record the birth of your child with given name in full.

Your co-operation to the end that all births may be properly recorded will be greatly appreciated.

Your attention is called to the provisions of Section 36 and 55 of Chapter 207 of the General Laws relating to marriages solemnized out of this state, which are as follows:

"Section 29 of Chapter 151 of the Revised Laws: If a marriage is solemnized in another state between parties living in this Commonwealth who return to dwell here they shall, within seven days after their return, file with the clerk or registrar of the city or town in which either of them lived at the time of their marriage, a certificate or declaration of

their marriage, including the facts relative to marriages, which are required by law, and for neglect thereof shall forfeit ten dollars."

Blanks for the return of all Vital records can be obtained from the Town Clerk.

Attention is called to the fact that all dogs three months old or more must be licensed at the Town Clerk's office on or before April 1, 1944.

I take this opportunity in wishing the Townspeople much prosperity during the year 1944.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT S. COLEMAN,

Town Clerk.

Mendon, January 1, 1944.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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The Treasurer of the Town of Mendon submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1943.

The Treasurer debits himself with receiving the following amounts:—

|                                                     |             |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Cash balance Jan. 1, 1943 .....                     | \$10,054 11 |
| County Treasurer, Dog License Refund .....          | 420 35      |
| State Treasurer, Highways (8522) .....              | 371 67      |
| County Treasurer, Highways (8522) ....              | 371 67      |
| State Treasurer, Highways (3857) .....              | 457 17      |
| State Treasurer, School Fund, Part II .....         | 2,713 19    |
| Bonding Co., Refund on Collector's Bond .....       | 6 00        |
| State Treasurer, Income Tax .....                   | 7,270 00    |
| State Treasurer, Corporation Tax .....              | 2,914 49    |
| State Treasurer, Aid to Dependent<br>Children ..... | 749 57      |
| Sealer of Weights and Measures .....                | 4 40        |
| Refund on Chapter 81 .....                          | 2 00        |
| Sale of Town Annals .....                           | 4 00        |
| Income from Mass. School Fund .....                 | 20 00       |
| Use of Cement Mixer .....                           | 13 00       |
| State Treasurer, Inspection of Animals .....        | 75 00       |
| Home National Bank, Revenue Notes ....              | 18,000 00   |
| State Treasurer, Old Age Assistance ....            | 7,993 59    |
| License Fees .....                                  | 440 00      |
| State Treasurer, Meal Tax .....                     | 519 80      |
| State Treasurer, Highways (4036) .....              | 1,916 73    |
| Old Age Assistance, U. S. Grant .....               | 9,676 88    |
| Mothers' Aid, U. S. Grant .....                     | 278 50      |



## Collector of Taxes:

|                                                            |                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1941 Property .....                                        | \$219 55           |
| 1942 Excise .....                                          | 25 96              |
| 1942 Property .....                                        | 6,495 85           |
| 1943 Poll .....                                            | 748 88             |
| 1943 Excise .....                                          | 2,363 92           |
| 1943 Property .....                                        | 36,238 81          |
| State Treasurer, Temporary Aid and<br>Transportation ..... | 2,085 13           |
| Library Fines .....                                        | 12 61              |
| Road Machinery Fund .....                                  | 203 40             |
| George Johnson, Town Hall Rent .....                       | 371 50             |
| State Treasurer, Tuition of Children ...                   | 170 74             |
| District Court, Fines .....                                | 5 00               |
| Town Clerk, Dog License Fees .....                         | 526 20             |
| Fees from Hay Scales .....                                 | 2 40               |
| County Treasurer, Chapter 90 (8796)                        | 419 81             |
| State Treasurer, Chapter 90 (8796) ....                    | 419 81             |
| State Treasurer, Supt. of Schools .....                    | 639 76             |
| Total Receipts .....                                       | <hr/> \$115,221 45 |

## RESERVE FUND

\$1,000 00

|                                        |          |
|----------------------------------------|----------|
| Transferred to Police Dept. ....       | \$116 40 |
| Transferred to Road Machinery Account  | 263 43   |
| Transferred to Incidentals .....       | 215 78   |
| Transferred to Waterhole Account ..... | 161 38   |
| Transferred to Chapter 81, Highways    | 1 97     |
|                                        | <hr/>    |
|                                        | \$758 96 |
| Balance .....                          | 241 04   |

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\$1,000 00

The Treasurer Credits himself with paying the following amounts:—

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Public Welfare .....     | \$3,806 50 |
| Old Age Assistance ..... | 19,584 00  |



|                                        |           |
|----------------------------------------|-----------|
| Mothers' Aid .....                     | 652 00    |
| Bonds for Town Officers .....          | 115 50    |
| Snow Removal .....                     | 1,489 81  |
| Insurance on Town Buildings .....      | 725 76    |
| Motor Tax Refund .....                 | 30 88     |
| Property Tax Refund .....              | 9 00      |
| Support of Schools .....               | 21,377 25 |
| Incidentals .....                      | 2,965 78  |
| Road Machinery .....                   | 388 43    |
| Board of Health .....                  | 681 50    |
| General Repairs .....                  | 804 49    |
| Fire Department .....                  | 758 10    |
| Street Lights .....                    | 627 00    |
| Chapter 81, Highways .....             | 8,101 97  |
| Library .....                          | 524 54    |
| Worcester County Hospital .....        | 1,642 06  |
| Police Department .....                | 666 40    |
| Memorial Day .....                     | 73 85     |
| Corbett Concrete Pipe Co. ....         | 349 60    |
| Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co. ....        | 501 11    |
| Water Hole .....                       | 421 38    |
| Moth Suppression .....                 | 184 25    |
| Park Department .....                  | 96 75     |
| Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves .....    | 20 00     |
| Forest Fires .....                     | 381 75    |
| Soldiers' Relief .....                 | 76 00     |
| Tree Warden .....                      | 61 00     |
| Chapter 90, Highways .....             | 1,499 55  |
| Officers' Salaries .....               | 1,742 95  |
| Home National Bank, Revenue Notes .... | 26,200 00 |
| School House Notes .....               | 2,000 00  |
| Interest on Notes .....                | 85 03     |
| Interest on School House Notes .....   | 495 00    |
| Ccunty Tax .....                       | 2,075 95  |
| State Tax .....                        | 1,200 00  |
| State Parks .....                      | 38 31     |
| Home National Bank, Service Charges    | 20 79     |

|                                         |          |              |
|-----------------------------------------|----------|--------------|
| County Treasurer, Dog License Fees .... | 519 10   |              |
| U. S. Defense Bond .....                | 1,000 00 |              |
| Director of Accounts .....              | 4 00     |              |
| Total Amount Paid .....                 |          | \$103,997 36 |
| Cash balance Dec. 31, 1943 .....        |          | 11,224 09    |
|                                         |          | <hr/>        |
|                                         |          | \$115,221 45 |

## AUSTIN WOOD RELIEF FUND.

## DR.

|                                                                    |          |            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| To Cash in Milford Savings Bank .....                              | \$785 70 |            |
| To Cash in Worcester Institution for<br>Savings .....              | 729 29   |            |
| To Interest received, Milford Savings<br>Bank .....                | 15 53    |            |
| To Interest received, Worcester Institu-<br>tion for Savings ..... | 14 65    |            |
|                                                                    | <hr/>    | \$1,545 17 |

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|-------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| By Cash in Milford Savings Bank .....                 | \$726 23 |            |
| By Cash in Worcester Institution for<br>Savings ..... | 743 94   |            |
| By Two Town Orders .....                              | 75 00    |            |
|                                                       | <hr/>    | \$1,545 17 |

## U. S. WITHHOLDING TAX.

|                                                       |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Amount Withheld .....                                 | \$921 97 |
| Amount paid to Collector of Internal<br>Revenue ..... | \$921 97 |

## TAX TITLES.

|                         |          |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Twelve Tax Titles ..... | \$861 78 |
|-------------------------|----------|

## ANNA ELLIS LIBRARY FUND.

## DR.

|                                       |          |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| To Cash in Milford Savings Bank ..... | \$500 00 |          |
| To Interest Received .....            | 7 52     |          |
|                                       | <hr/>    | \$507 52 |

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|-------------------------------|--|----------|
| By Cash in Savings Bank ..... |  | \$507 52 |
|-------------------------------|--|----------|

## F. N. THAYER CEMETERY FUND.

## DR.

|                                       |        |         |
|---------------------------------------|--------|---------|
| To Cash in Milford Savings Bank ..... | \$8 16 |         |
| To Cash Received from State Treasurer | 3 50   |         |
| To Interest Received .....            | 17     |         |
|                                       | <hr/>  | \$11 83 |

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|                               |  |         |
|-------------------------------|--|---------|
| By Cash in Savings Bank ..... |  | \$11 83 |
|-------------------------------|--|---------|

## HONOR ROLL FUND.

## DR.

|                        |  |          |
|------------------------|--|----------|
| To Cash Received ..... |  | \$175 55 |
|------------------------|--|----------|

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|                               |  |          |
|-------------------------------|--|----------|
| By Cash in Savings Bank ..... |  | \$175 55 |
|-------------------------------|--|----------|

## FLETCHER LIBRARY FUND.

## DR.

|                                       |            |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| To Cash in Milford Savings Bank ..... | \$5,166 18 |            |
| To Interest Received .....            | 103 83     |            |
|                                       | <hr/>      | \$5,270 01 |

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|                                       |            |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| By Cash in Milford Savings Bank ..... | \$5,144 59 |            |
| By One Library Order .....            | 125 42     |            |
|                                       | <hr/>      | \$5,270 01 |

## NATHAN R. GEORGE TRUST FUND.

## DR.

|                               |            |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|
| To Cash in Savings Bank ..... | \$1,006 67 |            |
| To Interest Received .....    | 20 22      |            |
|                               | <hr/>      | \$1,026 89 |

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|                               |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| By Cash in Savings Bank ..... | \$1,026 89 |
|-------------------------------|------------|

Respectfully submitted,

MOSES U. GASKILL,

Treasurer.

January 1, 1944.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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The Board of Selectmen in the past year has initiated a few much needed practices in the administration of the Town affairs. During the past three months, an inventory has been taken by all town officers of all equipment, furniture, and accessories necessary for the proper functioning of their respective offices and duties. This inventory is on file at the Record Room, and all purchases made by any of the departments will be added to the original inventory so that an up-to-date record will be maintained at all times. This will result in facilitation of one problem that occurs at the time of change from one office holder to another.

A few changes have been made also in the accounting procedure with respect to bills to the Town, authorization of purchases by non-officers, and cash sales. These were made in the interest of better business procedure.

Maintenance of Town property came into prominence during the past year, and much needed repairs were made. While the present Board of Selectmen think in terms of economical Town government, they are cognizant that too much economy along certain lines is more expensive in the long run.

Looking ahead to the time of a United Nations' victory, the State government has requested that a Post-War Planning Committee be appointed, with a view to having local projects ready to cushion the possible shock of a changeover from war to peace, and its resultant impact on local welfare and work problems. This committee has been appointed, and in case a depression does come, Mendon will be ready. Should there be no depression, then the work of the Committee would at least have been well spent in insuring against such a crisis. It may be well to note at this time that it is for this reason—the insurance against such a possible depression—that the State authorities are opposed to the reduction of present tax

rates by the use of free cash from the town treasuries throughout the State.

For the information of newer residents of the Town, as well as the older residents who have forgotten, Mendon is fortunate in having three funds which are available through the Selectmen to worthy persons who are in financial distress. The Austin Wood Relief Fund and the Nathan George Fund can be used to help residents bridge over their financial troubles when misfortune strikes; and the Hayward-Williams free bed at the Milford Hospital is available to hard-pressed residents of Mendon and Uxbridge through their respective Boards of Selectmen.

We wish to call to your attention the fact that service men and their families who are temporarily in need of financial aid or hospitalization can call upon the Board of Selectmen for advice or help through Soldiers' Relief. The State Government and the Town of Mendon appreciate the sacrifices of those in the service, and will not let them nor their dependents down.

D. VICTOR SMITH, Chairman,  
SILAS H. DUDLEY,  
ROY A. BARROWS,  
Board of Selectmen.

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#### INCIDENTALS.

|                                     |            |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Appropriation .....                 | \$2,750 00 |            |
| Transferred from Reserve Fund ..... | 215 78     |            |
|                                     | <hr/>      | \$2,965 78 |

#### CARE AND OPERATION OF TOWN HALL.

|                                   |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| George A. Johnson, janitor .....  | \$150 00 |
| Wor. Sub. Elec. Co., lights ..... | 73 13    |
| Barney Coal Co., coal .....       | 174 41   |
| L. N. Jaques, supplies .....      | 19 79    |

|                                                       |        |                  |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|
| Nina M. Burr, bulbs and fuses .....                   | 1 34   |                  |
| C. C. Shattuck, bulbs .....                           | 2 71   |                  |
| L. C. Hill, labor on pump motor and<br>stock .....    | 4 00   |                  |
| Ben Brown Co., pump motor and in-<br>stallation ..... | 42 21  |                  |
| Harvey E. Trask, material and labor-<br>repairs ..... | 81 71  |                  |
| Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., floor oil .....                | 5 15   |                  |
| Ernest Mellen, painting .....                         | 14 50  |                  |
| D. V. Smith, floor wax .....                          | 3 76   |                  |
| Raymond Barrows, refinishing floor-<br>labor .....    | 31 50  |                  |
| E. L. Sabatinelli & Son, plastering .....             | 375 00 |                  |
| D. B. Dolge Co., supplies .....                       | 63 06  |                  |
| W. Munsell, labor repairing furniture                 | 10 28  |                  |
| N. Thiebault, labor repairing furniture               | 10 28  |                  |
| Uxbridge Hdwe. Co., supplies .....                    | 3 86   |                  |
| Fuller Regalia & Costume Co., flag .....              | 24 24  |                  |
|                                                       |        | <hr/> \$1,090 93 |

## CARE AND OPERATION OF RECORD ROOM.

|                                         |         |                |
|-----------------------------------------|---------|----------------|
| Wor. Sub. Elec. Co., lights .....       | \$11 50 |                |
| Carrie Marlow, janitor .....            | 36 50   |                |
| N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., toll calls ..... | 10 15   |                |
| Clark & Shaughnessy, oil .....          | 57 48   |                |
| Barney Coal Co., oil .....              | 23 59   |                |
| Ernest Mellen, painting screens .....   | 2 00    |                |
| R. O. Sweet, repair oil burner .....    | 3 50    |                |
| L. N. Jaques, supplies .....            | 1 60    |                |
| Milford Locksmith, keys .....           | 3 50    |                |
|                                         |         | <hr/> \$149 82 |

## CIVILIAN DEFENSE.

|                                          |          |                |
|------------------------------------------|----------|----------------|
| N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone service | \$121 40 |                |
|                                          |          | <hr/> \$121 40 |



## RATIONING BOARD.

|                                           |          |          |
|-------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Cahill's News Agency, files, indexes .... | \$170 85 |          |
|                                           | <hr/>    | \$170 85 |

## BALLOT CLERKS AND TELLERS.

|                                    |         |         |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Payroll: Annual Town Meeting ..... | \$39 39 |         |
|                                    | <hr/>   | \$39 39 |

## TOWN CLERK.

|                                         |         |          |
|-----------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Robinson Seal Co., Inc., supplies ..... | \$27 35 |          |
| Chester R. Clark, repairs to typewriter | 15 00   |          |
| Clarke Printing Co., supplies .....     | 1 50    |          |
| Cahill's News Agency, pencils .....     | 1 00    |          |
| Charlescraft Press, printing .....      | 1 25    |          |
| Albert S. Coleman, supplies .....       | 7 82    |          |
| Expenses to Town Clerk's Meetings ..... | 25 20   |          |
| Dues to Town Clerks' Assoc. ....        | 6 00    |          |
| Recording births, marriages, and deaths | 46 00   |          |
| Swearing in Town Officers .....         | 6 25    |          |
| Money orders and postage .....          | 2 12    |          |
| Typewriter Ribbon .....                 | 95      |          |
|                                         | <hr/>   | \$140 44 |

## TOWN COUNSEL.

|                                                                  |          |          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Shelley D. Vincent, salary .....                                 | \$100 00 |          |
| Preparation and trial of tax case in<br>Land Court, Boston ..... | 75 00    |          |
| Recording fees on tax deeds .....                                | 4 20     |          |
| Recording fee on decree .....                                    | 1 20     |          |
| Hobbs & Warren, tax redemption blanks                            | 60       |          |
| Charlescraft Press, supplies .....                               | 6 85     |          |
|                                                                  | <hr/>    | \$187 85 |

## TAX COLLECTOR.

|                                       |         |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Postage .....                         | \$42 50 |
| Use of auto .....                     | 10 00   |
| Milford Daily News, advertising ..... | 1 60    |
| Forbes Press, supplies .....          | 23 00   |

|                                |       |          |
|--------------------------------|-------|----------|
| Barre Gazette, supplies .....  | 32 47 |          |
| Hobbs & Warren, supplies ..... | 2 91  |          |
|                                | <hr/> | \$112 48 |

## TOWN TREASURER.

|                                            |         |          |
|--------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Use of auto, 59 trips to bank in Milford   | \$25 00 |          |
| Making Schedule A .....                    | 12 00   |          |
| Postage .....                              | 55 82   |          |
| Charlescraft Press, printing supplies .... | 9 75    |          |
| Robinson Seal Co., supplies .....          | 2 51    |          |
|                                            | <hr/>   | \$105 08 |

## ASSESSORS.

|                                                                   |         |         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Wor. County Abstract Co. ....                                     | \$29 60 |         |
| Hobbs & Warren, supplies .....                                    | 15 60   |         |
| Postage .....                                                     | 3 00    |         |
| Cahill's News Agency, supplies .....                              | 2 99    |         |
| Stoneham Independent, tax tables .....                            | 1 00    |         |
| Charles F. Leonard, expense to County<br>Assessors' meeting ..... | 5 00    |         |
| Charles F. Leonard, copying set of 1943<br>valuation books .....  | 30 00   |         |
|                                                                   | <hr/>   | \$86 75 |

## SELECTMEN.

|                                                      |        |         |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Dues to Selectmen's Association .....                | \$9 00 |         |
| Forbes Press, supplies .....                         | 22 00  |         |
| Charlescraft Press, printing supplies ....           | 14 60  |         |
| Hobbs & Warren, supplies .....                       | 3 76   |         |
| Postage .....                                        | 24 00  |         |
| Expenses to Selectmen's Association<br>meeting ..... | 10 00  |         |
|                                                      | <hr/>  | \$83 36 |

## DOG OFFICER.

|                                 |         |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Harold C. Barrows, salary ..... | \$10 00 |         |
|                                 | <hr/>   | \$10 00 |

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

|                             |         |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Walter Taylor, salary ..... | \$40 00 |         |
|                             | <hr/>   | \$40 00 |

## INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS.

|                                |          |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Moses U. Gaskill, salary ..... | \$150 00 |          |
|                                | <hr/>    | \$150 00 |

## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

|                                                 |         |          |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Joseph W. McEwan, salary and listing            | \$14 50 |          |
| Joseph W. McEwan, use of auto for listing ..... | 2 75    |          |
| D. K. Barnes, salary and listing .....          | 20 00   |          |
| D. K. Barnes, use of auto for listing           | 5 00    |          |
| Albert S. Coleman, salary, listing, clerk       | 75 00   |          |
| Clarke Printing Co., ballots, voting lists      | 69 50   |          |
| Milford Daily News, advertising .....           | 26 18   |          |
| Charlescraft Press, Caucus posters .....        | 3 50    |          |
|                                                 | <hr/>   | \$216 43 |

## PUBLIC WEIGHER.

|                                        |        |        |
|----------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Felix Bessette, salary .....           | \$1 20 |        |
| Richard Gaskill, repairs on hay scales | 3 00   |        |
|                                        | <hr/>  | \$4 20 |

## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

|                                                       |          |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Charlescraft Press, Town reports .....                | \$192 00 |          |
| Clarke Printing Co., binding Town reports .....       | 5 25     |          |
| Cahill's News Agency, supplies .....                  | 19 85    |          |
| Milford Daily News, advertising .....                 | 7 95     |          |
| F. C. Lowell, salary as Moderator, 1942-3 .....       | 10 00    |          |
| H. Metcalf, delivering Town reports ....              | 5 00     |          |
| Postage, Town reports .....                           | 6 00     |          |
| Mass. Dept. Public Health, one-half license fee ..... | 10 00    |          |
|                                                       | <hr/>    | \$256 05 |

## SUMMARY.

|                                     |            |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Appropriated .....                  | \$2,750 00 |            |
| Transferred from Reserve Fund ..... | 215 78     |            |
|                                     | <hr/>      | \$2,965 78 |
| Expended .....                      | \$2,965 78 |            |

## THAYER CEMETERY FUND.

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| Cash on hand in bank ..... | \$11 83 |
|----------------------------|---------|

## SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

|                                                                            |            |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Appropriation .....                                                        | \$1,800 00 |
| Expended:                                                                  |            |
| Arthur P. Dalton, Tax Collector .....                                      | \$460 95   |
| W. A. Barry, Auditor .....                                                 | 25 00      |
| Albert S. Coleman, Town Clerk .....                                        | 125 00     |
| Harold C. Barrows, Constable .....                                         | 25 00      |
| Moses U. Gaskill, Town Treasurer .....                                     | 250 00     |
| Harold Metcalf, Chairman of Selectmen<br>and Welfare Member, 8 months .... | 104 00     |
| Wm. R. Bowen, Selectman and Chair-<br>man of Welfare, 2 months .....       | 28 33      |
| D. Victor Smith, Selectman .....                                           | 137 00     |
| Roy A. Barrows, Selectman and Wel-<br>fare Member .....                    | 81 00      |
| Silas H. Dudley, Selectman, Chairman<br>of Welfare, 4 months .....         | 56 67      |
| Carl M. Taft, Assessor .....                                               | 100 00     |
| Edward T. Whiting, Assessor .....                                          | 100 00     |
| Charles F. Leonard, Clerk of Assessors .....                               | 250 00     |
|                                                                            | <hr/>      |
|                                                                            | \$1,742 95 |
| Unexpended .....                                                           | 57 05      |
|                                                                            | <hr/>      |
|                                                                            | \$1,800 00 |

## INSURANCE ON TOWN BUILDINGS.

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Appropriation ..... | \$727 00 |
|---------------------|----------|

## Expended:

|                        |          |          |
|------------------------|----------|----------|
| Donald B. Lowell ..... | \$725 76 |          |
| Unexpended .....       | 1 24     |          |
|                        | <hr/>    | \$727 00 |

## PARK DEPARTMENT.

|                     |         |          |
|---------------------|---------|----------|
| Appropriation ..... |         | \$100 00 |
| Expended            |         |          |
| D. J. Pond .....    | \$57 25 |          |
| A. Freeman .....    | 24 00   |          |
| Materials .....     | 15 50   |          |
|                     | <hr/>   | \$96 75  |
| Unexpended .....    |         | 3 25     |
|                     |         | <hr/>    |
|                     |         | \$100 00 |

## AUSTIN WOOD RELIEF FUND.

## Expended:

|                  |         |         |
|------------------|---------|---------|
| One person ..... | \$25 00 |         |
| One person ..... | 50 00   |         |
|                  | <hr/>   | \$75 00 |

## BONDS OF TOWN OFFICERS.

|                            |        |          |
|----------------------------|--------|----------|
| Appropriation .....        |        | \$115 50 |
| Expended:                  |        |          |
| Maryland Casualty Co. .... | \$5 00 |          |
| Karl Bright .....          | 110 50 |          |
|                            | <hr/>  | \$115 50 |

## MEMORIAL DAY.

|                                     |         |         |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Appropriation .....                 |         | \$85 00 |
| Expended:                           |         |         |
| Milford Victory Band .....          | \$40 00 |         |
| C. C. Shattuck, supplies .....      | 9 60    |         |
| Nina M. Burr, supplies .....        | 8 25    |         |
| Clayton Parkinson, wreath, geranium | 6 00    |         |

|                                                      |      |         |
|------------------------------------------------------|------|---------|
| Gen. Wm. F. Draper Camp, S. of U. V.,<br>flags ..... | 5 00 |         |
| C. F. Leonard, wreath .....                          | 5 00 |         |
|                                                      |      | <hr/>   |
|                                                      |      | \$73 85 |
| Unexpended .....                                     |      | 11 15   |
|                                                      |      | <hr/>   |
|                                                      |      | \$85 00 |

## MOTH SUPPRESSION.

|                                       |        |          |
|---------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Appropriation .....                   |        | \$200 00 |
| Expended:                             |        |          |
| Carl Taft, moving tools and materials | \$3 00 |          |
| Wm. R. Bowen, labor .....             | 122 50 |          |
| Geo. M. Johnson, labor .....          | 41 25  |          |
| N. Thiebault, labor .....             | 7 50   |          |
| Wm. R. Bowen, salary .....            | 10 00  |          |
|                                       |        | <hr/>    |
|                                       |        | \$184 25 |
| Unexpended .....                      |        | 15 75    |
|                                       |        | <hr/>    |
|                                       |        | \$200 00 |

## MOTOR VEHICLE TAX REFUND.

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| Expended: 1943 ..... | \$30 88 |
|----------------------|---------|

## REAL ESTATE TAX REFUND.

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| Expended: 1943 ..... | \$9 00 |
|----------------------|--------|

## SPECIAL APPROPRIATION.

|                                                        |          |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation .....                                    |          | \$850 71 |
| Expended:                                              |          |          |
| Rosenfeld Washed Sand & Stone Co.,<br>1940 bill .....  | \$501 11 |          |
| Corbett Concrete Pipe Co., 1940 and<br>1941 bill ..... | 349 60   |          |
|                                                        |          | <hr/>    |
|                                                        |          | \$850 71 |

## SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

|                              |         |          |
|------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Appropriation .....          |         | \$400 00 |
| Expended:                    |         |          |
| One family in own home ..... | \$56 00 |          |
| One family in own home ..... | 20 00   |          |
|                              | <hr/>   | \$76 00  |
| Unexpended .....             |         | 324 00   |
|                              |         | <hr/>    |
|                              |         | \$400 00 |

## SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' GRAVES.

|                                    |         |         |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Appropriation .....                |         | \$20 00 |
| Expended:                          |         |         |
| Paid Swandale Cemetery Ass'n. .... | \$20 00 |         |
|                                    | <hr/>   | \$20 00 |

## STREET LIGHTS.

|                          |          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation .....      |          | \$627 00 |
| Expended:                |          |          |
| Wor. Sub. Elec. Co. .... | \$627 00 |          |
|                          | <hr/>    | \$627 00 |

## WORCESTER COUNTY HOSPITAL.

|                            |          |            |
|----------------------------|----------|------------|
| Appropriation .....        |          | \$1,642 06 |
| Expended:                  |          |            |
| Care and Maintenance ..... | \$931 04 |            |
| Interest on Bonds .....    | 161 02   |            |
| Construction .....         | 550 00   |            |
|                            | <hr/>    | \$1,642 06 |

## RESERVE FUND.

|                                         |          |            |
|-----------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Appropriation .....                     |          | \$1,000 00 |
| Expended:                               |          |            |
| Transferred to Waterhole Removal .....  | \$161 38 |            |
| Transferred to Incidental Account ..... | 215 78   |            |
| Transferred to Police Dept. ....        | 116 40   |            |



|                                       |        |            |
|---------------------------------------|--------|------------|
| Transferred to Road Machinery Account | 263 43 |            |
| Transferred to Chapter 81 .....       | 1 97   |            |
|                                       | <hr/>  | \$758 96   |
| Unexpended .....                      |        | 241 04     |
|                                       |        | <hr/>      |
|                                       |        | \$1,000 00 |

## ASSETS.

## Uncollected Taxes:

|                           |          |            |
|---------------------------|----------|------------|
| 1942 Property taxes ..... | \$300 79 |            |
| 1943 Excise taxes .....   | 64 24    |            |
| 1943 Property taxes ..... | 4,873 68 |            |
|                           | <hr/>    | \$5,242 71 |

Due from the State of Massachusetts  
on Highways:

|                   |            |            |
|-------------------|------------|------------|
| Chapter 81 .....  | \$2,583 27 |            |
| Chapter 90M ..... | 80 04      |            |
|                   | <hr/>      | \$2,663 31 |

Due from the County of Worcester, on  
Highways:

|                   |         |         |
|-------------------|---------|---------|
| Chapter 90M ..... | \$80 04 |         |
|                   | <hr/>   | \$80 04 |

## Welfare:

Due from State of Massachusetts,  
Temporary Aid .....

|  |          |          |
|--|----------|----------|
|  | \$941 06 |          |
|  | <hr/>    | \$941 06 |

## Old Age Assistance:

|                                       |            |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Due from State of Massachusetts ..... | \$1,680 00 |            |
|                                       | <hr/>      | \$1,680 00 |

|                  |          |          |
|------------------|----------|----------|
| Tax Titles ..... | \$861 78 |          |
|                  | <hr/>    | \$861 78 |

## Welfare:

|                              |          |          |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Settlement in Question ..... | \$570 00 |          |
|                              | <hr/>    | \$570 00 |

Cash in hands of Treasurer, January

|               |             |                   |
|---------------|-------------|-------------------|
| 1, 1944 ..... | \$11,224 09 |                   |
|               |             | <hr/> \$11,224 09 |

|             |  |                   |
|-------------|--|-------------------|
| Total ..... |  | <hr/> \$23,262 99 |
|-------------|--|-------------------|

## LIABILITIES.

|                                                                                           |            |                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Due County of Worcester for Construction and Equipment of Worcester County Hospital ..... | \$1,750 00 |                   |
| Bonds on School House Addition .....                                                      | 20,000 00  |                   |
|                                                                                           |            | <hr/> \$21,750 00 |

## LIST OF JURORS.

|                       |                   |                |
|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| John J. Driscoll      | Providence Street | Machinist      |
| William R. Bowen      | Bates Street      | Poultryman     |
| Gordon R. Good        | North Avenue      | Machinist      |
| Ernest E. Souls       | Bates Street      | Pattern Maker  |
| Henry Twitchell       | Elm Street        | Machinist      |
| George G. Davenport   | North Avenue      | Dairyman       |
| Robert Chase          | Hastings Street   | Collector      |
| Roy A. Barrows        | Blackstone Street | Dairyman       |
| William F. Irons, Jr. | Main Street       | Musician       |
| Walter Taylor         | Blackstone Street | Factory Worker |
| Carl M. Taft          | Main Street       | Farmer         |
| Herbert S. Wood       | Hartford Ave. W.  | Farmer         |
| Eugene H. Chapman     | Kinsley Lane      | Mechanic       |
| Ralph W. Coffin, Jr.  | Hastings Street   | Dairyman       |
| Vernon A. Barrows     | Blackstone Street | Grinder        |

Respectfully Submitted,

D. VICTOR SMITH, Chairman,  
 ROY A. BARROWS,  
 SILAS H. DUDLEY,

Board of Selectmen.

# SUMMARY.

| Department                    | Resources  | Expended   | Unexpended | Overdraft |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Incidentals                   | \$2,750.00 |            |            |           |
| Transferred from Reserve Fund | 215.78     |            |            |           |
|                               | -----      |            |            |           |
| Salaries of Town Officers     | \$2,965.78 | \$2,965.78 |            |           |
| Reserve Fund                  | 1,800.00   | 1,742.95   | \$57.05    |           |
| Worcester County Hospital     | 1,000.00   | 758.96     | 241.04     |           |
| Moth Suppression              | 1,642.06   | 1,642.06   |            |           |
| Bonds of Town Officers        | 200.00     | 184.25     | 15.75      |           |
| Soldiers' Relief              | 115.50     | 115.50     |            |           |
| Board of Health               | 400.00     | 76.00      | 324.00     |           |
|                               | 800.00     | 681.50     | 118.50     |           |
| Police Department             | \$550.00   |            |            |           |
| Transferred from Reserve Fund | 116.40     |            |            |           |
|                               | -----      |            |            |           |
| Interest on Loans             | \$666.40   | 666.40     |            |           |
| Memorial Day                  |            |            |            |           |
| Park Department               | 85.00      | 73.85      | 11.15      |           |
| Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves | 100.00     | 96.75      | 3.25       |           |
| Street Lights                 | 20.00      | 20.00      |            |           |
| Board of Public Welfare       | 627.00     | 627.00     |            |           |
|                               | 6,000.00   | 3,806.50   | 2,193.50   |           |

# SUMMARY—Continued.

| Department                                                        | Resources                              | Expended  | Unexpended | Overdraft |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Aid to Dependent Children<br>Received from U. S. Grant            | \$1,500.00<br>278.50<br>— \$1,778.50   | 652.00    | 1,126.50   |           |
| Bureau of Old Age Assistance<br>Received from U. S. Grant         | 10,800.00<br>9,364.75<br>— \$20,164.75 | 19,305.00 | 859.75     |           |
| Administration Account for Old Age<br>Assistance, Balance on hand | \$59.14                                |           |            |           |
| Received from Federal Grant                                       | 312.13<br>— \$371.27                   | 279.00    | 92.27      |           |
| General Repairs                                                   | 1,000.00                               | 804.49    | 195.51     |           |
| Chapter 81                                                        |                                        |           |            |           |
| Transferred from Reserve Fund                                     | \$1.97                                 |           |            |           |
| Town Appropriation                                                | 3,600.00                               |           |            |           |
| State Allocation                                                  | 4,500.00<br>— \$8,101.97               | 8,101.97  |            |           |
| Chapter 90 Maintenance                                            |                                        |           |            |           |
| Town Appropriation                                                | \$500.00                               |           |            |           |

## SUMMARY—Continued.

| Department                    | Resources  | Expended | Unexpended | Overdraft |
|-------------------------------|------------|----------|------------|-----------|
| County Allocation             | 500.00     |          |            |           |
| State Allocation              | 500.00     |          |            |           |
|                               | —          | 1,499.55 | 45         |           |
| Snow Removal                  | \$1,500.00 | 1,489.81 | 10.19      |           |
|                               | \$1,500.00 |          |            |           |
| Road Machinery Account        | \$125.00   |          |            |           |
| Transferred from Reserve Fund | 263.43     |          |            |           |
|                               | —          | 388.43   |            |           |
| Tree Warden                   | 100.00     | 61.00    | 39.00      |           |
| Taft Public Library           | 525.00     | 524.54   | .46        |           |
| Forest Fires                  | 500.00     | 381.75   | 118.25     |           |
| Fire Department               | 800.00     | 758.10   | 41.90      |           |
| Insurance on Town Buildings   | 727.00     | 725.76   | 1.24       |           |
| Thayer Cemetery Fund          | 11.83      |          | 11.83      |           |

SUMMARY—Continued.

| Department         | Resources                      | Expended           | Unexpended        | Overdraft |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| Schools            | \$21,224.65                    |                    |                   |           |
| Dog License Refund | 420.35                         |                    |                   |           |
|                    | <u>          </u> —\$21,645.00 | 21,377.25          | 267.75            |           |
| Totals             | \$75,535.49                    | <u>\$69,806.15</u> | <u>\$5,729.34</u> |           |

January 1, 1944.

Respectfully submitted,

D. VICTOR SMITH,  
ROY A. BARROWS,  
SILAS H. DUDLEY,  
Selectmen of Mendon.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

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TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
GENTLEMEN:

The year just passed was a difficult one insofar as the maintenance of the highways is concerned. For one thing, the availability of tar was restricted considerably. Then too, the labor situation was such that only a minimum of work requiring manual labor could be accomplished. For 1944, however, things look a little brighter; for restrictions on tar are lifted, and most of our efforts should therefore be on the maintenance of present roads. The recently acquired sand spreader saves both on sand and labor in the tarring of the streets, and so we do not expect to meet with any difficulties such as were presented in 1943.

The project on Hartford Avenue West is practically completed, save for drainage facilities and top coating of stone and tar. This road would have been coated with tar save for a technicality which would preclude our receiving further State aid in finishing the job permanently. The ever-present problem of choosing between use of local equipment at higher cost to the Town or that of outside equipment at a saving to the Town presented itself on this project. One must look at all the angles carefully before reaching a decision. Most of the local trucks have been registered and put on the road for the main purpose of facilitating the highway work of the Town, since the Town does not own any trucks. These trucks work for the Town on snow removal at little or no profit when considering the wear and tear on vital parts of the trucks. Without this service the majority of the townspeople would feel the effects severely. The price charged for trucking is very fair to the



Town; and yet we were faced with the choice of saving the Town half of the trucking expense on Hartford Avenue West graveling. This problem was resolved by splitting the work approximately in half between the outside haulers, who admitted loss in the transaction, and the local trucks. We feel that the citizens and taxpayers of the Town are entitled to the most at the least cost, and this feeling has been put into practice in buying materials and services, except when such a problem as the one mentioned above presents itself.

The Town of Mendon during the past year has bought sand and gravel as low in price and, in fact, lower than most of the surrounding towns. This is true also in the case of tar patch material. On the Hartford Avenue West project, your highway surveyor and the State engineer personally checked outside haulers' trucks for capacity and weight of full loads, and it can be safely asserted that we received more gravel than we were billed for.

During the past few years, the Town has paid \$3.00 an hour for a truck and driver for plowing snow, and the Town has paid for the helper in addition to this rate. This practice will be continued.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR A. SABATINELLI,

Highway Surveyor and  
Superintendent of Streets.

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#### SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES.

|                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Chapter 81 .....             | \$8,101 97        |
| Chapter 90 .....             | 1,499 55          |
| Snow Removal .....           | 1,489 91          |
| General Repairs .....        | 804 49            |
| Road Machinery Account ..... | 388 43            |
| Waterhole .....              | 421 38            |
| Total .....                  | ————— \$12,705 73 |

# SCHEDULE OF WAGES PAID EMPLOYEES OF ALL HIGHWAY WORK IN 1943.

| Name           | Chapter 81 | Chapter 90<br>Maintenance | Snow<br>Removal | General<br>Repairs | Waterhole | TOTALS     |
|----------------|------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|
| A. Sabatinelli | \$977.00   | \$244.00                  | \$22.00         | \$48.00            | \$40.00   | \$1,331.00 |
| A. Auty        |            |                           | 27.76           |                    |           | 27.76      |
| W. Auty        | 25.60      |                           | 11.25           |                    |           | 36.85      |
| V. Barrows     |            | 4.90                      |                 |                    |           | 4.90       |
| W. Bowen       |            |                           | 22.50           |                    |           | 22.50      |
| W. Butler      |            |                           | 2.70            |                    |           | 2.70       |
| A. Cardasso    | 18.75      |                           |                 |                    | 110.00    | 128.75     |
| C. Demarus     | 5.00       |                           | 1.25            |                    |           | 5.00       |
| N. Daige, Jr.  |            |                           | 25.01           |                    |           | 1.25       |
| M. Daley       |            |                           |                 |                    |           | 25.01      |
| G. Finn        | 3.75       |                           |                 |                    |           | 3.75       |
| R. Gaskill     |            |                           | 22.51           | 4.60               |           | 27.11      |
| A. Hensell     | 21.60      |                           |                 |                    | 4.20      | 25.80      |
| W. Hutchinson  |            |                           | 37.51           |                    |           | 37.51      |
| R. Jewett      | 2.50       |                           |                 |                    |           | 2.50       |
| G. M. Johnson  | 33.75      |                           | 15.63           | 2.50               |           | 51.88      |
| F. Mucconie    | 5.00       |                           |                 |                    |           | 5.00       |
| W. Munsell     | 475.47     | 154.00                    | 7.50            | 39.20              | 26.40     | 702.57     |
| C. Mosher      | 8.75       |                           |                 |                    |           | 8.75       |
| S. Nuttall     | 100.40     | 4.20                      |                 | 5.60               | 4.80      | 115.00     |
| A. Pichierre   | 8.75       |                           |                 |                    |           | 8.75       |
| R. Steere      | 15.00      |                           | 41.88           |                    |           | 56.88      |
| A. Taft        |            |                           | 6.25            |                    |           | 6.25       |

## SCHEDULE OF WAGES PAID EMPLOYEES—(Continued).

| Name                     | Chapter 81 | Chapter 90<br>Maintenance | Snow<br>Removal | General<br>Repairs | Waterhole | TOTALS     |
|--------------------------|------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|
| D. Taft                  |            |                           | .90             |                    |           | .90        |
| I. Thompson              |            |                           | 3.75            |                    |           | 3.75       |
| N. Thiebault             | 561.60     | 154.00                    | 32.50           | 28.00              | 32.00     | 808.10     |
| TOTALS                   | \$2,262.92 | \$561.10                  | \$280.90        | \$127.90           | \$217.40  | \$3,450.22 |
| RENTED EQUIPMENT—TRUCKS. |            |                           |                 |                    |           |            |
| D. K. Barnes             | \$257.55   | \$48.00                   | \$111.75        |                    |           | \$417.30   |
| E. Goss                  | 83.25      |                           |                 |                    |           | 83.25      |
| R. Gaskill               | 75.20      | 45.70                     |                 |                    |           | 120.90     |
| E. L. Sabatinelli        |            |                           | 102.00          |                    |           | 102.00     |
| H. Metcalf               | 84.40      |                           | 188.13          | 6.00               | 6.40      | 284.93     |
| C. Taft                  | 546.95     | 187.20                    | 180.00          | 29.20              | 38.40     | 981.75     |
| L. Tetreault             | 326.05     | 22.40                     | 302.38          | 36.80              | 12.80     | 700.43     |
| POWER SHOVEL.            |            |                           |                 |                    |           |            |
| H. Poirier               | \$780.00   |                           |                 |                    |           | \$780.00   |
| L. Newton                |            |                           |                 |                    | \$16.00   | 16.00      |
| COMPRESSOR WORK          |            |                           |                 |                    |           |            |
| E. L. Sabatinelli        | \$513.80   | \$52.00                   |                 |                    |           | \$565.80   |
| Rosenfeld                |            |                           |                 |                    |           |            |
| Sand & Stone Co.         | 288.00     |                           |                 |                    |           | 288.00     |

## SCHEDULE OF WAGES PAID EMPLOYEES—(Continued).

| Name            | Chapter 81<br>Maintenance | Chapter 90<br>Snow<br>Removal | General<br>Repairs | Waterhole | TOTALS     |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|
| BLASTING        |                           |                               |                    |           |            |
| G. Sabatinelli  | \$154.50                  |                               |                    |           | \$154.50   |
| TOWN EQUIPMENT. |                           |                               |                    |           |            |
| Power Grader    | \$160.40                  | \$25.00                       |                    |           | \$185.40   |
| Concrete Mixer  | 18.00                     |                               |                    |           | 18.00      |
| TOTALS          | \$3,288.10                | \$380.30                      | \$884.26           | \$72.00   | \$4,698.26 |

## CHAPTER 81.

|                                     |            |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Town Appropriation .....            | \$3,600 00 |            |
| State Allotment .....               | 4,500 00   |            |
|                                     | <hr/>      | \$8,100 00 |
| Transferred from Reserve Fund ..... |            | 1 97       |
|                                     |            | <hr/>      |
|                                     |            | \$8,101 97 |

## EXPENDITURES.

## PAY ROLLS.

|                 |            |            |
|-----------------|------------|------------|
| Labor .....     | \$2,262 92 |            |
| Equipment ..... | 3,288 10   |            |
|                 | <hr/>      | \$5,551 02 |

## MATERIALS.

|                                                     |            |            |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| The Barrett Div., tar .....                         | \$1,033 48 |            |
| Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co., sand and<br>stone ..... | 988 04     |            |
| State Prison Colony, pipe .....                     | 147 00     |            |
| E. L. Sabatinelli, bits .....                       | 85 50      |            |
| Varney Bros., patch .....                           | 40 43      |            |
| Carl Taft, burrow .....                             | 38 20      |            |
| Corbett Concrete Pipe, pipe .....                   | 11 20      |            |
| Fiske Lumber Co., bridge planking .....             | 7 48       |            |
| L. N. Jaques, hardware .....                        | 5 97       |            |
| G. Sabatinelli, dynamite and exploders .....        | 193 65     |            |
|                                                     | <hr/>      | \$2,550 95 |
|                                                     |            | <hr/>      |
| Total Expenditures .....                            |            | \$8,101 97 |

## CHAPTER 90, MAINTENANCE.

|                          |          |            |
|--------------------------|----------|------------|
| Town Appropriation ..... | \$500 00 |            |
| County Allotment .....   | 500 00   |            |
| State Allotment .....    | 500 00   |            |
|                          | <hr/>    |            |
| Unexpended Balance ..... |          | \$1,500 00 |

## EXPENDITURES.

## PAY ROLLS.

|                 |          |          |
|-----------------|----------|----------|
| Labor .....     | \$561 10 |          |
| Equipment ..... | 380 30   |          |
|                 | <hr/>    | \$941 40 |

## MATERIALS.

|                                                     |          |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| The Barrett Div., tar .....                         | \$130 56 |          |
| Corbett Concrete Pipe, pipe .....                   | 13 60    |          |
| Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co., patch and<br>sand ..... | 413 99   |          |
|                                                     | <hr/>    | \$558 15 |

|                          |            |            |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| Total Expended .....     | \$1,499 55 |            |
| Unexpended Balance ..... | 45         |            |
|                          | <hr/>      | \$1,500 00 |

## SNOW REMOVAL.

|                     |            |  |
|---------------------|------------|--|
| Appropriation ..... | \$1,500 00 |  |
|---------------------|------------|--|

## PAY ROLLS.

|                 |          |            |
|-----------------|----------|------------|
| Labor .....     | \$280 90 |            |
| Equipment ..... | 884 26   |            |
|                 | <hr/>    | \$1,165 16 |

## SUPPLIES.

|                                        |        |          |
|----------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Eddie's Service Station, gas .....     | \$5 86 |          |
| Deke's Filling Station, gas .....      | 16 49  |          |
| Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co., sand ..... | 261 60 |          |
| Wor. Chemical Co., calcium .....       | 40 70  |          |
|                                        | <hr/>  | \$324 65 |

|                          |            |            |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| Total Expended .....     | \$1,489 81 |            |
| Unexpended Balance ..... | 10 19      |            |
|                          | <hr/>      | \$1,500 00 |

## GENERAL REPAIRS.

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Appropriation ..... | \$1,000 00 |
|---------------------|------------|

## EXPENDITURES.

## PAY ROLLS.

|                 |          |          |
|-----------------|----------|----------|
| Labor .....     | \$127 90 |          |
| Equipment ..... | 72 00    |          |
|                 | <hr/>    | \$199 90 |

|                                            |        |          |
|--------------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| L. N. Jaques, hardware .....               | \$2 87 |          |
| Dyar Sales Machinery Co., hyd. pump .....  | 15 00  |          |
| N. E. Asphalt & Tar Co., tarvia .....      | 165 00 |          |
| Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co., sand .....     | 218 50 |          |
| H. A. Daniels Co., insurance .....         | 140 86 |          |
| Guido Sabatinelli, moving old dyn. ....    | 10 00  |          |
| Eddie's Service Station, gas and oil ..... | 26 36  |          |
| State Prison Colony, posts .....           | 26 00  |          |
|                                            | <hr/>  | \$604 59 |

|                          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Total Expended .....     | \$804 49 |
| Unexpended Balance ..... | 191 51   |

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\$1,000 00

## WATERHOLE ON MAPLE STREET.

|                                     |          |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation .....                 | \$260 00 |          |
| Transferred from Reserve Fund ..... | 161 38   |          |
|                                     | <hr/>    | \$421 38 |

## LABOR.

|                      |         |          |
|----------------------|---------|----------|
| A. Sabatinelli ..... | \$40 00 |          |
| A. Hensel .....      | 4 20    |          |
| N. Thiebault .....   | 32 00   |          |
| W. Munsell .....     | 26 40   |          |
| A. Cardasso .....    | 110 00  |          |
| S. Nuttall .....     | 4 80    |          |
|                      | <hr/>   | \$217 40 |



## EQUIPMENT.

## TRUCKS.

|                         |         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|
| C. Taft .....           | \$38 40 |         |
| H. Metcalf .....        | 6 40    |         |
| L. Tetreault .....      | 12 80   |         |
| Leo Newton, winch ..... | 16 00   |         |
|                         | <hr/>   | \$73 60 |

## MATERIALS.

|                                                          |         |                |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------|----------------|
| H. M. Curtiss Coal Co., supplies .....                   | \$13 30 |                |
| Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co., gravel and<br>concrete ..... | 117 08  |                |
|                                                          | <hr/>   | \$130 38       |
| Total Expended .....                                     |         | <hr/> \$421 38 |

## ROAD MACHINERY ACCOUNT.

|                                     |          |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation .....                 | \$125 00 |          |
| Transferred from Reserve Fund ..... | 263 43   |          |
|                                     | <hr/>    | \$388 43 |

## EXPENDITURES.

|                                     |         |          |
|-------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| L. C. Woodfall, water pump .....    | \$20 00 |          |
| Clark & Shaughnessy, oil .....      | 7 98    |          |
| Eddie's Service Station, gas .....  | 63 84   |          |
| Deke's Filling Station, gas .....   | 2 96    |          |
| L. N. Jaques, hardware .....        | 7 77    |          |
| B. & S. Electric Auto Service ..... | 9 60    |          |
| Fiske Alden Co. ....                | 5 64    |          |
| D. Victor Smith, anti-freeze .....  | 2 59    |          |
| Gleason's Service Station .....     | 2 70    |          |
| E. O. Rose, welding .....           | 75      |          |
| P. I. Perkins Co., sander .....     | 264 60  |          |
|                                     | <hr/>   | \$388 43 |
| Total Expended .....                |         | \$388 43 |

## ROAD MACHINERY FUND.

## PAID TO TOWN TREASURER.

|                                 |         |          |
|---------------------------------|---------|----------|
| J. White, use of mixer .....    | \$10 00 |          |
| C. Sibley, use of mixer .....   | 3 00    |          |
| Chapter 81, use of grader ..... | 160 40  |          |
| Chapter 90, use of grader ..... | 25 00   |          |
| Chapter 81, use of mixer .....  | 18 00   |          |
|                                 | <hr/>   | \$216 40 |

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

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|                                                                 |          |                |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------|
| Appropriation .....                                             |          | \$800 00       |
| Expended:                                                       |          |                |
| Worcester County Sanatorium, care of<br>one patient .....       | \$541 50 |                |
| Milford, Hopedale, Mendon District<br>Nursing Association ..... | 50 00    |                |
| Harold Fairbanks, dog burial .....                              | 2 00     |                |
| Alec Wolec, Town dump .....                                     | 50 00    |                |
| Dr. F. H. Lally, services .....                                 | 12 00    |                |
| A. H. Sweet Co., supplies .....                                 | 2 00     |                |
| George W. Gardner, inspecting live-<br>stock .....              | 24 00    |                |
|                                                                 | <hr/>    | \$681 50       |
| Unexpended .....                                                |          | 118 50         |
|                                                                 |          | <hr/> \$800 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

ROY A. BARROWS, Chairman,  
D. VICTOR SMITH,  
SILAS H. DUDLEY,

Board of Health.

# REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN.

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|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Appropriation ..... | \$100 00 |
|---------------------|----------|

## EXPENDED.

|                               |         |          |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------|
| William Nuttall, salary ..... | \$12 00 |          |
| Pay rolls .....               | 49 00   |          |
|                               |         | \$61 00  |
| Unexpended .....              |         | 39 00    |
|                               |         | \$100 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM E. NUTTALL,  
Tree Warden.

## REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

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|                                      |       |        |
|--------------------------------------|-------|--------|
| Platform scales under 5000 lbs. .... | 2     | \$1 00 |
| Spring scales under 100 lbs. ....    | 2     | 20     |
| Computing scales under 100 lbs. .... | 1     | 10     |
| Gasoline pumps, meter system ....    | 4     | 2 00   |
| Gasoline pumps, hand system ....     | 1     | 50     |
| Kerosene pumps, hand system ....     | 1     | 50     |
| Counter scales under 100 lbs. ....   | 1     | 10     |
|                                      | <hr/> | <hr/>  |
|                                      | 12    | \$4 40 |

I have collected \$4.40 for fees and have turned the amount over to the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER TAYLOR,

Sealer.

## REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WEIGHER.

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I have collected \$2.40 for twelve weighings, and have turned the amount over to the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

FELIX S. BESSETTE,

Public Weigher.

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(Report of Weigher Richard Gaskill was received too late to incorporate in this report.)

## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING.

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To the Honorable Board of Health:

The following animals have been slaughtered in my presence and inspected by me:

|                 | Calves | Cows | Pigs |
|-----------------|--------|------|------|
| January .....   |        |      |      |
| February .....  |        |      |      |
| March .....     |        | 1    |      |
| April .....     |        |      |      |
| May .....       |        |      |      |
| June .....      | 1      | 2    |      |
| July .....      | 1      |      |      |
| August .....    |        |      |      |
| September ..... |        |      |      |
| October .....   |        |      |      |
| November .....  |        |      |      |
| December .....  |        |      | 6    |
|                 | —      | —    | —    |
| Totals .....    | 2      | 3    | 6    |

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK R. PHILLIPS,

Inspector of Slaughtering.

## REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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|                                     |          |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation .....                 | \$550 00 |          |
| Transferred from Reserve Fund ..... | 116 40   |          |
|                                     | <hr/>    | \$666 40 |

### Expenditures:

|                                         |        |          |
|-----------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Meals for prisoners .....               | \$4 75 |          |
| Court fees .....                        | 38 50  |          |
| Toll calls .....                        | 16 42  |          |
| Police duty, May 30 .....               | 30 00  |          |
| Police duty, July 3, 4 and 5 .....      | 36 40  |          |
| Police duty Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 .....    | 32 60  |          |
| Police duty patrolling the Center ..... | 43 05  |          |
| Investigating accidents .....           | 45 00  |          |
| Investigating complaints .....          | 256 59 |          |
| Police duty on highways .....           | 161 00 |          |
| Postage .....                           | 2 09   |          |
|                                         | <hr/>  | \$666 40 |

### During the year the following arrests were made:

|                                     |     |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| Breaking and entering .....         | 11  |
| Drunkenness .....                   | 2   |
| Non-support .....                   | 6   |
| Assault and battery .....           | 2   |
| Summons served .....                | 19  |
| Commitments to State Hospital ..... | 2   |
| Boys returned to Lyman School ..... | 2   |
| Complaints and calls .....          | 307 |

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD C. BARROWS,

Chief Police Dep't.



## ASSESSORS' REPORT.

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The Assessors' Recapitulation Sheet of Aggregates is given below:

### RECAPITULATION SHEET.

Town appropriations:

|                                                  |             |              |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Annual Town Meeting, March,                      |             |              |
| 1943 .....                                       | \$58,129 50 |              |
| Debt and Interest .....                          | 2,495 00    |              |
| State Tax, 1943 .....                            | 1,200 00    |              |
| State Parks and Reservation Tax                  | 40 03       |              |
| County Tax .....                                 | 1,932 69    |              |
| Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment                 | 1,642 06    |              |
| Overlay for 1943 .....                           | 1,329 63    |              |
|                                                  | <hr/>       |              |
|                                                  | \$66,768 91 | \$66,768 91  |
| Estimated Receipts .....                         | \$23,541 16 |              |
| Available Funds .....                            | 545 35      |              |
|                                                  | <hr/>       |              |
|                                                  | \$24,086 51 | \$24,086 51  |
|                                                  |             |              |
| Net amount raised on polls and<br>property ..... |             | \$42,682 40  |
| 454 Poll Taxes at \$2.00 each .....              |             | 908 00       |
| Total Valuation .....                            |             | 1,392,480 00 |
| Tax Rate .....                                   | \$30 00     |              |
| Personal Property .....                          |             | 127,110 00   |
| Real Estate .....                                |             | 1,265,370 00 |

|                                                      |                |                |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Number of Assessments on Real Estate .....           | 548            |                |
| Number of Assessments on Personal Estate .....       | 99             |                |
|                                                      | <hr/>          |                |
|                                                      | 647            | 647            |
| Number of Male Polls assessed ....                   | 454            |                |
| Value of assessed stock-in-trade ....                | \$2,500 00     |                |
| Value of assessed live stock .....                   | 67,300 00      |                |
| Value of assessed machinery .....                    | 56,160 00      |                |
| Value of all other assessed personal estate .....    | 1,150 00       |                |
|                                                      | <hr/>          |                |
| Value of assessed personal property .....            | \$127,110 00   | \$127,110 00   |
| Value of assessed buildings, excluding land .....    | 933,190 00     |                |
| Value of assessed land, excluding buildings .....    | 332,180 00     |                |
|                                                      | <hr/>          |                |
| Total value of assessed real estate                  | \$1,265,370 00 | \$1,265,370 00 |
| Total value of assessed property ....                |                | 1,392,480 00   |
| Tax on personal estate .....                         | 3,813 30       |                |
| Tax on real estate .....                             | 37,961 10      |                |
| Tax on polls .....                                   | 908 00         |                |
|                                                      | <hr/>          |                |
|                                                      | \$42,682 40    | \$42,682 40    |
| Rate of tax per \$1,000 .....                        |                | \$30 00        |
| Number of horses assessed .....                      |                | 53             |
| Number of cows assessed .....                        |                | 556            |
| Number of neat cattle other than cows assessed ..... |                | 58             |

|                                    |        |
|------------------------------------|--------|
| Number of swine assessed .....     | 5      |
| Number of dwelling houses assessed | 443    |
| Number of acres of land assessed   | 10,762 |
| Number of fowl assessed .....      | 3,355  |

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES COMMITTED  
TO COLLECTOR IN 1943.

|                                   |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Vehicles registered in 1943 ..... | \$2,432 03 |
|-----------------------------------|------------|

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES ABATED

|                  |         |         |
|------------------|---------|---------|
| 1943 Taxes ..... | \$37 06 | \$37 06 |
|------------------|---------|---------|

OVERLAY ACCOUNT

1942.

|                                      |          |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Balance in 1942 Overlay Account .... | \$250 18 |          |
| 1942 Abatements in 1943 .....        | 61 87    |          |
|                                      | <hr/>    |          |
| 1942 Overlay Balance .....           | \$188 31 | \$188 31 |

OVERLAY ACCOUNT

1943.

|                            |            |          |
|----------------------------|------------|----------|
| 1943 Overlay .....         | \$1,329 63 |          |
| 1943 Abatements .....      | 1,050 50   |          |
|                            | <hr/>      |          |
| 1943 Overlay Balance ..... | \$279 13   | \$279 13 |

Respectfully submitted,

CARL M. TAFT,  
EDWARD T. WHITING,  
CHARLES F. LEONARD,

Mendon Board of Assessors

## REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS.

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January 1, 1944.

TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:—

The Fire Department answered seven alarms in 1943, as follows:

3 Chimney Fires,  
2 Auto Fires,  
2 Building Fires,

at a total estimated damage of \$16,450.00.

Ladders were mounted on Engine 2 this year, so that we now have two fairly well equipped pieces of apparatus.

Owing to the demands on the time of the members, our auxiliary Fire Department was not as active as in previous years.

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Appropriation ..... | \$800 00 |
|---------------------|----------|

Expended:

|                                              |          |
|----------------------------------------------|----------|
| Payrolls .....                               | \$146 40 |
| Wor. Sub. Elec. Co., power .....             | 30 25    |
| Edith Rogers .....                           | 14 26    |
| Clark & Shaughnessy, oil .....               | 28 00    |
| Farrar Co., supplies .....                   | 149 80   |
| L. S. Mowry, ladders .....                   | 36 00    |
| Fire Protection Co., master light .....      | 14 00    |
| George Johnson, janitor service .....        | 21 90    |
| Ryan Motor Sales, repairs .....              | 57 75    |
| Eddie's Service Station, tires and gas ..... | 99 95    |
| Carrie Marlow, test blowing .....            | 36 50    |
| Harold F. Lowell, salary .....               | 100 00   |

|                                        |       |          |
|----------------------------------------|-------|----------|
| Harold F. Lowell, misc. expenses ..... | 5 00  |          |
| Barney Coal Co., oil .....             | 13 57 |          |
| American La France, foamite, supplies  | 4 72  |          |
|                                        | <hr/> | \$758 10 |
| Unexpended .....                       |       | 41 90    |
|                                        |       | <hr/>    |
|                                        |       | \$800 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. LOWELL, Chief,  
 NORRY J. DAIGE,  
 EDWARD T. WHITING,  
 Fire Engineers.

## REPORT OF THE FOREST WARDEN.

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### FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT.

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Appropriation ..... | \$500 00 |
|---------------------|----------|

#### Expended:

|                                          |          |                |
|------------------------------------------|----------|----------------|
| Payrolls .....                           | \$131 50 |                |
| Farrar Co., battery charger and supplies | 204 25   |                |
| H. F. Lowell, salary .....               | 25 00    |                |
| L. N. Jaques, shovels .....              | 21 00    |                |
|                                          |          | \$381 75       |
| Unexpended .....                         |          | 118 25         |
|                                          |          | <hr/> \$500 00 |

January 1, 1944.

#### TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:—

This department answered thirteen (13) brush and grass fire alarms, burning over approximately eighteen acres of brush and woodland, and six acres of grass land.

Through the suggestion of the Office of Civilian Defense and the cooperation of the Commissioner of Conservation, the Forest Fire Fighters Service (F.F.F.S.) was formed in March. Twenty-eight men and boys joined this Service and were trained in forest fire work. After passing satisfactory qualifications, each member received an arm band and identification certificate.

These members were from all sections of the Town, and were on the alert at all times, watching for fires.

The F.F.F.S. proved very satisfactory through the spring and fall forest fire seasons and saved putting out a patrol on the worst fire days.

I would like to thank the members of the F.F.F.S. for the fine cooperation given, both while in training, and at fires.

I would also like to thank the people of Mendon for their cooperation in respect to burning and remind you of the new permit law which does not allow the Forest Warden to give any permits for burning during the months of April and May, except on rainy days. Permits for burning are required at all times, "Except when the ground is substantially covered with snow."

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. LOWELL,

Forest Warden.

## COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

FOR 1943.

## 1941 PROPERTY TAXES.

## DR.

|                                      |          |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Taxes outstanding Jan. 1, 1943 ..... | \$223 31 |          |
| Interest .....                       | 2 91     |          |
|                                      | <hr/>    | \$226 22 |

## CR.

|                      |          |          |
|----------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$219 55 |          |
| Abated .....         | 6 67     |          |
|                      | <hr/>    | \$226 22 |

## 1942 MOTOR EXCISE TAXES.

## DR.

|                                      |         |         |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Taxes outstanding Jan. 1, 1943 ..... | \$25 65 |         |
| Interest .....                       | 31      |         |
|                                      | <hr/>   | \$25 96 |

## CR.

|                      |         |         |
|----------------------|---------|---------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$25 96 |         |
| Uncollected .....    | 00      |         |
|                      | <hr/>   | \$25 96 |

## 1942 PROPERTY TAXES.

## DR.

|                                      |            |            |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Taxes outstanding Jan. 1, 1943 ..... | \$6,654 88 |            |
| Interest .....                       | 203 63     |            |
|                                      | <hr/>      | \$6,858 51 |



## CR.

|                      |            |            |
|----------------------|------------|------------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$6,495 85 |            |
| Abated .....         | 61 87      |            |
| Uncollected .....    | 300 79     |            |
|                      | <hr/>      | \$6,858 51 |

## 1943 POLL TAXES.

## DR.

|                                                                        |          |          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Taxes committed, including omitted<br>assessment of Dec. 1, 1943 ..... | \$916 00 |          |
| Demands .....                                                          | 10 85    |          |
| Interest .....                                                         | 03       |          |
|                                                                        | <hr/>    | \$926 88 |

## CR.

|                      |          |          |
|----------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$748 88 |          |
| Abated .....         | 174 00   |          |
| Uncollected .....    | 4 00     |          |
|                      | <hr/>    | \$926 88 |

## 1943 MOTOR EXCISE TAXES.

## DR.

|                                       |          |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| First commitment March 15, 1943 ..... | \$567 73 |          |
| Interest .....                        | 51       |          |
|                                       | <hr/>    | \$568 24 |

## CR.

|                      |          |          |
|----------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$567 33 |          |
| Abated .....         | 91       |          |
| Uncollected .....    | 00       |          |
|                      | <hr/>    | \$568 24 |

## DR.

|                                       |            |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Second commitment August 9, 1943 .... | \$1,664 62 |            |
| Interest .....                        | 1 45       |            |
|                                       | <hr/>      | \$1,666 07 |

## CR.

|                      |            |            |
|----------------------|------------|------------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$1,643 18 |            |
| Abated .....         | 3 27       |            |
| Uncollected .....    | 19 62      |            |
|                      | <hr/>      | \$1,666 07 |

## DR.

|                                        |          |          |
|----------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Third commitment October 11, 1943 .... | \$135 53 |          |
| Interest .....                         | 07       |          |
|                                        | <hr/>    | \$135 60 |

## CR.

|                      |          |          |
|----------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$127 60 |          |
| Abated .....         | 2 00     |          |
| Uncollected .....    | 6 00     |          |
|                      | <hr/>    | \$135 60 |

## DR.

|                                      |         |         |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Fourth commitment Dec. 2, 1943 ..... | \$64 43 |         |
|                                      | <hr/>   | \$64 43 |

## CR.

|                      |         |         |
|----------------------|---------|---------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$25 81 |         |
| Uncollected .....    | 38 62   |         |
|                      | <hr/>   | \$64 43 |

## 1943 PROPERTY TAXES.

DR.

|                                      |                   |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Total Personal and Real Estate Taxes |                   |
| committed .....                      | \$41,972 40       |
| Special warrant to estate .....      | 48 96             |
| Interest .....                       | 17 13             |
|                                      | <hr/> \$42,038 49 |

CR.

|                                    |                   |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Paid Treasurer including amount on |                   |
| special warrant .....              | \$36,238 81       |
| Abated .....                       | 867 50            |
| Subsequent tax title credit .....  | 58 50             |
| Uncollected .....                  | 4,873 68          |
|                                    | <hr/> \$42,038 49 |

|                                 |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| Total tax refund for 1943 ..... | \$39 88 |
|---------------------------------|---------|

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR P. DALTON,

Collector of Taxes.

January 1, 1944.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE.

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### TEMPORARY AID.

#### RESOURCES.

|                          |            |            |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| Town Appropriation ..... |            | \$6,000 00 |
| Expended .....           | \$3,806 50 |            |
| Unexpended .....         | 2,193 50   |            |
|                          | <hr/>      | \$6,000 00 |

### DETAILED EXPENDITURES.

#### MENDON SETTLED CASES.

|                              |        |          |
|------------------------------|--------|----------|
| One person in own home ..... | \$9 00 |          |
| One person in own home ..... | 208 53 |          |
| One person in own home ..... | 196 65 |          |
|                              | <hr/>  | \$414 18 |

#### PAID OTHER TOWNS FOR MENDON SETTLED CASES.

|                          |          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| Town of Milford .....    | \$132 75 |          |
| Town of Milford .....    | 388 35   |          |
| Town of Bellingham ..... | 270 24   |          |
|                          | <hr/>    | \$791 34 |

#### CASE WITH SETTLEMENT IN QUESTION.

|                              |          |          |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|
| One family in own home ..... | \$538 50 |          |
|                              | <hr/>    | \$538 50 |

CASES WITH NO SETTLEMENT, CHARGEABLE  
TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF WELFARE.

|                              |          |            |
|------------------------------|----------|------------|
| One family in own home ..... | \$806 06 |            |
| One family in own home ..... | 351 00   |            |
| One family in own home ..... | 745 00   |            |
| One person in own home ..... | 20 00    |            |
|                              | <hr/>    | \$1,922 06 |

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

|                                                                                          |         |          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Mendon's share of cost of operating<br>Surplus Commodities Warehouse<br>in Milford ..... | \$56 42 |          |
| R. F. McDonald, trucking and deliver-<br>ing commodities .....                           | 84 00   |          |
|                                                                                          | <hr/>   | \$140 42 |

PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF ABOVE EXPENSE.

|                              |            |            |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|
| State of Massachusetts ..... | \$1,922 06 |            |
| Settlement in question ..... | 538 50     |            |
| Mendon's share .....         | 1,345 94   |            |
|                              | <hr/>      | \$3,806 50 |

Respectfully submitted,

SILAS H. DUDLEY, Chairman,  
D. VICTOR SMITH,  
ROY A. BARROWS,

Board of Public Welfare.

REPORT OF  
AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN.  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1943.

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## Resources:

|                                   |            |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Town Appropriation .....          | \$1,500 00 |            |
| Received from Federal Grant ..... | 278 50     |            |
|                                   | <hr/>      | \$1,778 50 |

## Expended:

|                      |            |            |
|----------------------|------------|------------|
| For direct aid ..... | \$652 00   |            |
| Unexpended .....     | \$1,126 50 |            |
|                      | <hr/>      | \$1,778 50 |

## ADMINISTRATION.

|                                    |        |
|------------------------------------|--------|
| Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1943 ..... | \$5 64 |
| No money expended                  |        |

## DISTRIBUTION OF ABOVE AMOUNTS.

|                             |          |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|
| Federal Grant's share ..... | \$155 00 |          |
| State's share .....         | 332 00   |          |
| Mendon's share .....        | 165 00   |          |
|                             | <hr/>    | \$652 00 |

We started the year with 3 cases and ended with one case.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY A. BARROWS,

Agent.

REPORT OF THE  
BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE.  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1943.

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Resources (for Direct Aid)

|                                   |             |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Appropriation by the Town .....   | \$10,800 00 |             |
| Received from Federal Grant ..... | 9,364 75    |             |
|                                   | <hr/>       | \$20,164 75 |

|                                 |             |             |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Expended (for Direct Aid) ..... | \$19,305 00 |             |
| Unexpended .....                | 859 75      |             |
|                                 | <hr/>       | \$20,164 75 |

Administration:

Resources:

|                                   |          |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Received from Federal Grant ..... | \$312 13 |          |
| Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1943 .....   | 59 14    |          |
|                                   | <hr/>    | \$371 27 |

|                  |          |          |
|------------------|----------|----------|
| Expended .....   | \$279 00 |          |
| Unexpended ..... | 92 27    |          |
|                  | <hr/>    | \$371 27 |

Distribution of above amounts:

|                      |            |             |
|----------------------|------------|-------------|
| Federal Grant .....  | \$9,325 33 |             |
| State's share .....  | 6,487 89   |             |
| Mendon's share ..... | 3,491 78   |             |
|                      | <hr/>      | \$19,305 00 |

|                                   |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Received from State in 1943 ..... | \$7,993 59 |
| Due from State .....              | 1,680 00   |

The year started with 43 cases and ended with 40 cases.

|                            |    |
|----------------------------|----|
| Mendon settled cases ..... | 40 |
| State cases .....          | 3  |

Respectfully submitted,

ROY A. BARROWS,

Agent.



REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Appropriation ..... | \$525 00 |
|---------------------|----------|

Expenditures:

|                                       |         |          |
|---------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Barney Coal Co., fuel .....           | \$43 80 |          |
| Worcester Sub. Electric Co. ....      | 9 50    |          |
| Verena R. Daley, Librarian .....      | 225 00  |          |
| Nancy Dudley, Janitor .....           | 52 00   |          |
| Alanson Freeman, mowing .....         | 9 50    |          |
| M. M. Goodnow Co., repairs .....      | 19 20   |          |
| Nina M. Burr, magazines .....         | 39 65   |          |
| Cahill's News Agency, books .....     | 23 83   |          |
| Personal Book Shop, Inc., books ..... | 74 86   |          |
| American Library Assoc., dues .....   | 3 00    |          |
| H. W. Wilson Co., books .....         | 7 75    |          |
| Library Book House, books .....       | 14 85   |          |
| Gaylord Bros., Inc. ....              | 1 60    |          |
|                                       |         | \$524 54 |
| Balance .....                         |         | 46       |

FLETCHER FUND.

|                                 |            |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Balance .....                   | \$5,270 01 |            |
| Personal Book Shop, books ..... | 125 42     |            |
|                                 |            |            |
| Balance .....                   |            | \$5,144 59 |

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD T. WHITING,  
Finance Committee.

SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF THE TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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There has been no particular changes or repairs to the Library this year except to the heating plant, which was in bad condition.

The latest books that were added this year were widely read by young and old.

The Trustees desire to thank the Townspeople for their cooperation and ask that it may be continued throughout the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD METCALF,  
PERCY ROWE,  
GEORGE F. LEE,  
LENA W. GEORGE,  
EDWARD T. WHITING, Secretary,  
Library Trustees.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

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### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY:—

The circulation for the year (96 days) was 9,623 volumes. The largest given out in one day was 201, the smallest, 45, the average, 100. The circulation by classes was as follows: Fiction, 6,408; Magazines, 2,498; Biography, 288; Travel, 81; History, 141; Literature, 75; Useful and Fine Arts, 79; Science, 17; All others, 36.

There are 9,467 volumes in the library. 247 were added this year. 116 were bought by the town, 96 with the Fletcher Fund and 35 were gifts.

The library subscribes to the American Magazine, American Home, Atlantic Monthly, Better Homes and Garden, Boy's Life, Child's Life, Country Gentleman, Colliers', Good Housekeeping, Instructor, Ladies' Home Journal, Life, McCall's, Saturday Evening Post, and Woman's Home Companion.

\$12.61 was received in fines during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

VERENA R. DALEY,

Librarian.

January 1, 1944.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

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TO THE CITIZENS OF MENDON:

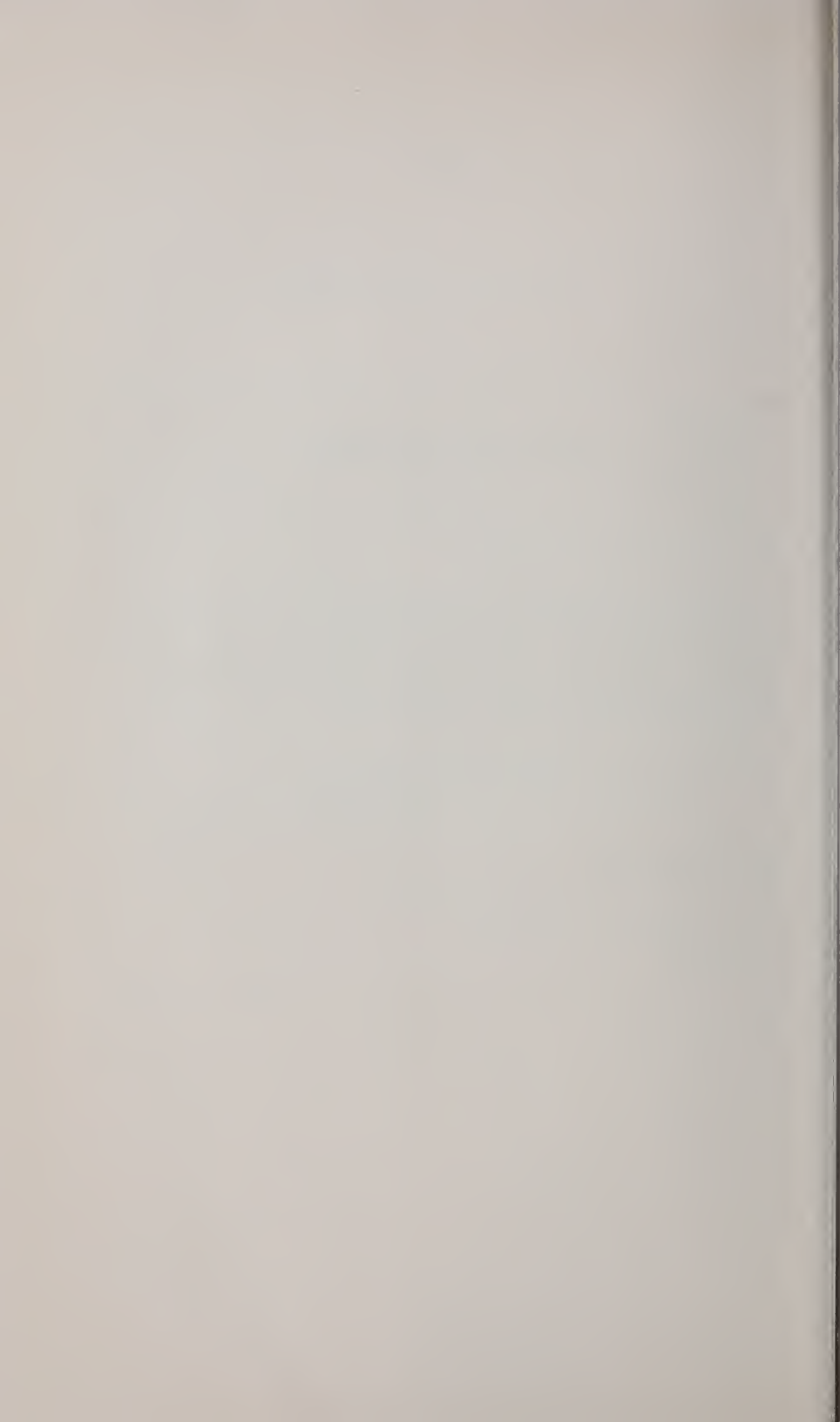
Pursuant to Chapter 41, Section 50, of the General Laws, I have examined and checked the accounts of the various Town Officers receiving and disbursing municipal funds for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1943 and find their accounts correctly cast with vouchers carefully filed.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM A. BARRY,

Auditor.

January 20, 1944.



# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

OF THE

## TOWN OF MENDON

## MASSACHUSETTS

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1943

# SCHOOL DIRECTORY, 1943—1944.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

|                                                                                                        |                   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Silas Dudley, Chairman .....                                                                           | Term Expires 1945 |
| George F. Lee, Secretary .....                                                                         | Term Expires 1946 |
| Donald B. Lowell .....                                                                                 | Term Expires 1944 |
| Regular meetings held at the Center School building on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30 P. M. |                   |

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS—PERCY L. ROWE.

The Superintendent may be met every Tuesday and Wednesday at the Mendon Center High School or by appointment.

Office—Center School, Bellingham Center  
Office Hours—4 to 5 o'clock P. M. on school days.

Telephone, Office—Milford 152-4

## SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

K. A. Campbell, M. D. .... Telephone, Milford, 102

## SCHOOL NURSE.

Helen C. Grady, R. N., Supervisor ..... Milford District Nursing Association

## JANITOR.

Raymond Barrows ..... Center School

## TRANSPORTATION AGENTS

Harold C. Barrows  
Kenneth Taft

## ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Harold C. Barrows

## TEACHERS.

| Name.                      | Subject or Grade.                             | Preparation.                                      | Degrees<br>or Yrs. | Yrs. Ser.<br>in Town |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Henry P. Clough, Principal | Math., Science, French                        | Dartmouth College and<br>New Hampshire University | B.S.<br>Ed.M.      | Sixteenth            |
| Frances A. White           | Commercial, History                           | Salem State Tea. Col.                             | B.S.               | Sixth                |
| Jeanne Derry               | English, Civics                               | Mary Grove College                                | B.A.               |                      |
|                            |                                               | Simmons                                           | B.S.               | First                |
| Anne Sullivan              | Domestic Science, General<br>Science, Biology | Framingham State Tea. Col.                        | B.S.               | Second               |
| Elizabeth Byrne            | History, Geography,<br>Physiology, Arithmetic | Bridgewater State Tea. Col.                       | B.S.               | First                |
| Ellen McBride (resigned)   | Grades 5 and 6                                | Machias Normal School                             | Two                | First                |
| Virginia Mayo              | Grades 5 and 6                                | Bridgewater State Tea. Col.                       | B.S.               | First                |
| Jennie Chesarone           | Grades 4 and 5                                | Framingham State Tea. Col.                        | B.S.               | Second               |
| Grace Gaskell              | Grades 2 and 3                                | Framingham State Tea. Col.                        | Two                | Fifth                |
| Jean F. MacDonald          | Grades 1 and 2                                | Perry Kindergarten N. S.                          | 3 yrs. Dip.        | Second               |
| David N. Gellatly          | Music Supervisor                              | Boston Conservatory of<br>Music—Private Lessons   | Grad.              | Eighth               |



SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR PERIOD FROM  
JANUARY, 1944 TO JUNE, 1945.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Open January 3, 1944, Close April 14, 1944  
Open April 24, 1944, Close June 16, 1944

Summer Vacation

Open September 6, 1944, Close December 22, 1944  
Open January 2, 1945, Close April 13, 1945  
Open April 23, 1945, Close June 15, 1945

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

Close February 18, 1944  
Open February 28, 1944  
Otherwise, same as High School  
Close June 2, 1944  
Close June 8, 1945

Summer Vacation

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

February 22, 1944, Washington's Birthday  
May 30, 1944, Memorial Day  
October 12, 1944, Columbus Day  
November 30, December 1, 1944, Thanksgiving and  
Friday following

All legal holidays

## AGE OF ADMISSION TO SCHOOL.

Any child who becomes six years of age on or before January first of the year following the term when he wishes to enter school may be admitted into the first grade, but in every case the admission of a child under six shall be dependent upon the fitness of the child to profit by the work of the school, such fitness to be determined by the superintendent. Pupils under seven years of age who have not previously attended school shall not be permitted to enter later than thirty days after the opening of school in September of any school year.

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REPORT OF SIGHT AND HEARING TESTS.  
OCTOBER, 1943.

|                                                    |     |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Number of pupils examined .....                    | 284 |
| Number of pupils found defective in eyesight ..... | 25  |
| Number of pupils found defective in hearing .....  | 0   |
| Number of parents or guardians notified .....      | 25  |

## SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT.

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### RECEIPTS.

|                             |             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| General Appropriation ..... | \$21,224 65 |             |
| Dog Tax, 1943 .....         | 420 35      |             |
| Total Receipts .....        |             | \$21,645 00 |
| Total Expenditures .....    | \$21,377 25 |             |
| Balance .....               |             | \$267 75    |

### REIMBURSEMENTS.

|                                                                                       |            |            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| General School Fund, Part I .....                                                     | \$2,390 00 |            |
| General School Fund, Part II .....                                                    | 2,713 19   |            |
| Superintendent's Salary .....                                                         | 639 76     |            |
| Tuition from State .....                                                              | 170 74     |            |
| Tuition from Industrial School .....                                                  | 5 87       |            |
| High School Grant .....                                                               | 900 00     |            |
| (Should be included in 1943 figures,<br>although actually not received until<br>1944) |            |            |
| Income Massachusetts School Fund ....                                                 | 20 00      |            |
| Total Reimbursements .....                                                            |            | \$6,839 56 |

### TAXATION COST OF SCHOOLS.

|                            |             |             |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total Expenditures .....   | \$21,377 25 |             |
| Reimbursements .....       | 6,839 56    |             |
| Net Cost by Taxation ..... |             | \$14,537 69 |

### EXPENDITURES.

|                                 |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| School Committee Expense .....  | \$62 61 |
| Superintendent's Salary .....   | 735 48  |
| Superintendent's Expenses ..... | 129 48  |

|                                               |           |             |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Salaries of Teachers .....                    | 11,520 64 |             |
| Salary of Music Supervisor .....              | 390 00    |             |
| Textbooks .....                               | 296 77    |             |
| School Supplies .....                         | 338 86    |             |
| M. M. Goodnow .....                           | 225 92    |             |
| (Heating and plumbing maintenance)            |           |             |
| Carlton L. Goss .....                         | 124 98    |             |
| (Installing dado, boys' lavatory and repairs) |           |             |
| Miscellaneous Maintenance Repairs .....       | 16 40     |             |
| Janitor's Supplies .....                      | 236 31    |             |
| Electricity .....                             | 322 59    |             |
| Telephone .....                               | 75 65     |             |
| Domestic Science Supplies .....               | 42 43     |             |
| Janitor's Assistance .....                    | 7 90      |             |
| Janitor's Wage .....                          | 1,416 75  |             |
| Fuel .....                                    | 926 65    |             |
| Health .....                                  | 330 35    |             |
| Tuition .....                                 | 109 48    |             |
| Transportation .....                          | 4,068 00  |             |
| Total Expenditures .....                      |           | \$21,377 25 |

## REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF MENDON:

During the School Year of 1943 many problems brought about by the war and the death of Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Fogwell, have confronted the School Committee.

At this time the School Committee wishes to express their respects for the late Mr. Jerome Fogwell whose sudden death seemed untimely for a man of his age.

During the period of time that we were without a Superintendent of Schools, Principal Henry Clough took over his duties. We of the School Committee feel greatly indebted to Mr. Clough for the efficient manner with which he handled these added duties.

The School Department has made a complete inventory of all school supplies, equipment, and text books as of December 1, 1943.

For the coming year of 1944 it is necessary for your School Committee to ask the voters to increase the School Appropriations substantially for the following reasons:—

1. Our fuel cost has increased approximately 25% per ton during the past five years.
2. Text books and supplies have increased in cost on an average of 20% to 30% during the past two or three years.

3. Teacher's salaries have increased because of the following reasons:—Cost of living bonus, and an Act of the Legislature in 1943 under which it is compulsive to pay a teacher a minimum of \$1000 per year.

It is also the feeling of the School Committee, for the efficiency of the School System and the results to the children, that it is better to try to retain the teachers by paying them to the extent to which Mendon can afford. In this instance in so far as teacher replacements, Mendon has been very fortunate compared to other towns her size.

4. Maintenance of the School Building necessarily increases with the age of the building, which is now six years. It is the feeling of the Committee that the necessary repairs be made each year rather than to let them accumulate.

In regards to transportation of the school children, the Committee wishes to point out to the parents that they, the Committee, are answerable to the Division of Motor Transportation which governs what they can do. We have been urged to reduce our routes but so far have been able to avoid taking this action.

At this time the Committee wishes to thank the citizens, parents, and School Personnel for their continued support during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

SILAS H. DUDLEY,

Chairman, School Committee.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

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Mendon, Massachusetts

January 10, 1944.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF MENDON:

GENTLEMEN:

It is with pleasure that I submit for your consideration my first annual report as Superintendent of Schools of Mendon.

The total school enrollment has decreased slightly. The enrollment on October 1, 1943 was 284. In 1942 it was 307, and in 1941, 298.

There have been four changes in the teaching staff during the year. Miss Nellie Walent resigned to accept a position in New Hampshire. Miss Jeanne Derry, a graduate of Mary Grove College, was engaged to fill this position in the English Department. Miss Elizabeth DeWitt left to be married, and Miss Elizabeth C. Byrne, a graduate of the Bridgewater State Teachers College, has taken her place in the seventh and eighth grades. Miss Mary Shaughnessey was offered a better position and Miss Ellen McBride, a graduate of Machias Normal School replaced her, but left in December to join the WACS. Miss Virginia Mayo, a graduate of Bridgewater State Teachers College was elected to fill this position. We have been fortunate in securing excellent teachers to replace those who have resigned.

Due to war time conditions it has been difficult at times to obtain materials of instruction and supplies for school use.



Any repairing constitutes a major problem. Costs of textbooks and supplies are increasing. So far we have been able to get coal in spite of a serious shortage. Everyone connected with the school department, including school children, is doing everything possible to assist in the all out war effort by conserving on supplies of all kinds, and by being very careful in the use of school equipment.

During October the teachers took part in the issuance of War Ration Book Number Four. This was in addition to their regular classroom work. They are to be commended for doing such an excellent job. Mr. Clough's assistance in this undertaking was invaluable. A total of 1393 Books were issued during the three day registration period.

The regular school work is progressing very satisfactorily in all grades. Much emphasis is being placed on the teaching of English and the related subjects, reading, grammar, spelling, and handwriting. Reading and English are two of the most important subjects in the school curriculum, as all future study requires a sound foundation in these tool subjects.

Education Week was observed in the school in November. Many parents visited the school that week. Regular recitations, exhibitions of pupils' work, and special programs were a part of the week's activities. Many parent-teacher conferences were held.

Miss Jane Coleman, a student of the Massachusetts School of Art in Boston gave special instruction in art and drawing during the fall months. This work given by one specialized in the subject has been of great benefit to the children.

The school plant is in excellent condition. The old part of the building should be painted during 1944, and the windows, doors, and trimmings of the new part. The town has every right to be proud of its splendid school. If a small sum



is spent annually to keep the building continually in excellent condition much expense will be saved later.

For your generous assistance during the year I am very grateful. I also deeply appreciate the splendid cooperation of Mr. Clough, the Principal, the teachers, parents, and townspeople who have helped make the school year so successful.

Very truly yours,

PERCY L. ROWE,

Superintendent of Schools.



## REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL.

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TO MR. PERCY L. ROWE,  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:—

I herewith submit the annual report of the Mendon Center School.

Fifteen pupils graduated from Mendon High School on June 18, 1943. The Alumni Medal was awarded to Raymond Oppewal, who also won first place in scholarship. Second scholarship honors were won by Henry D. Trowsdale.

Prize speaking was held April 16, 1943. First prize was won by Philip W. Harding, second prize by Lois B. Coleman, and third prize by Anna T. Bosma.

The school spelling bee was held May 21, 1943 at the Mendon Town Hall. The following pupils won prizes: Grade 4—Doris Neal, first, Nancy Smith, second; Grade 5—Annette Rondeau, first, Jean Beal, second; Grade 6—Gertrude Oppewal, first, Alice Hartshorn, second; Grade 7—Rosalba Allegranza, first; Harold Brownly, second; Grade 8—Madeline Simmons, first, Ann Mattson, second; High School—Raymond Oppewal, first, Virginia Longton, second. Medals donated by the members of the School Committee were awarded.

A very successful school minstrel show was presented April 9, 1943 at the Town Hall under the direction of Mr. David N. Gellatly, Supervisor of Music. Reserve Two For Murder, a three act mystery play, was given by the Senior Class December 17.

In spite of transportation difficulties and wartime restrictions, a short schedule of baseball was played during the late spring weeks.

School registration closely approximates the figures of last year. At the present time the enrollment by grades is as follows: Grade one—25, Grade two—29, Grade three—24, Grade four—32, Grade five—33, Grade six—26, Grade seven—23, Grade eight—26, Grade nine—21, Grade ten—19, Grade eleven—9, Grade twelve—13.

School pupils have made an excellent record in connection with the sale of war stamps and bonds. Results of their efforts to increase sales have been most gratifying, and the Treasury Department has issued to the school a citation in recognition of the total school achievement.

During the last week of October the teaching staff issued War Ration Book Four to Mendon residents.

As the year advances, the pressure of war demands becomes more and more apparent. One senior pupil subject to the draft has already joined the armed forces. Other senior boys are considering enlistment. A large majority of high school students wish to share in the war effort through work after school hours. It has been a school policy to cooperate with all war efforts, and to grant all possible opportunities to pupils engaged in work after school hours. There are, however several considerations which should be emphasized. For most school pupils there is no substitute for a high school record of real accomplishment. The greatest contribution which most young people can make to their country and to their own communities is the attainment of as complete a school education as it is possible to secure. Boys and girls who fail to take advantage of secondary school opportunities now may find themselves seriously lacking in education, training, and basic qualifications in the keen competition which is bound to come

in the post war era. Even for those young men who will be soon called to the service of their country, a complete high school education is most desirable. Teachers and parents have a difficult task in supplying needed advice and encouragement in the uncertain period of the present time.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation for the sincere cooperation and assistance of the members of the teaching staff, Superintendent of Schools, School Committee, and townspeople.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. CLOUGH,

Principal.

## SCHOOL NURSE'S ANNUAL REPORT

### FOR 1943.

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TO MR. PERCY L. ROWE,  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:—

May I present to you the annual Mendon School Nursing report for the year ending December 31, 1943.

One day a week was spent in doing school nursing, usually on a Tuesday when school was in session.

In January, February and March there was a large number of absentees from school due to grippe colds.

In April and May there was a mild outbreak of Measles, German Measles and Chicken-Pox, but with no complications the children were soon back in school. Home visits were made to check conditions of these children.

The Annual Toxoid Clinic for pre-school and school children opened in March and finished in May with twenty-six attending.

Dr. Campbell in his annual physical examination of the school children found the following defects.

|                                    |    |
|------------------------------------|----|
| Enlarged or diseased tonsils ..... | 40 |
| Cavities of teeth .....            | 64 |
| Heart murmur .....                 | 11 |
| Symptoms of Corea .....            | 1  |
| Anemia .....                       | 5  |

|                      |    |
|----------------------|----|
| Poor posture .....   | 3  |
| Poor nutrition ..... | 2  |
| Wax in ears .....    | 20 |
| Skin condition ..... | 2  |
| Cross eyes .....     | 2  |

The following is a summary of the work done by the nurse in the school building.

|                               |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| Cleanliness inspections ..... | 439 |
| Classroom inspections .....   | 53  |
| Inspections for disease ..... | 290 |
| Pupils treated .....          | 98  |
| Pupils advised .....          | 240 |
| Pupils excluded .....         | 29  |
| Talks with teachers .....     | 93  |
| Health talks to classes ..... | 157 |
| Home visits .....             | 240 |

The following diseases were reported and investigated.

Scarlet fever, Measles, German Measles, Chicken-pox, Mumps and Whooping cough.

May I take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped me in carrying on my work among the school children this past year.

Respectfully Submitted,

HELEN C. GRADY, R. N.,  
Supervisor.



## REPORT OF MUSIC SUPERVISOR.

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Mendon, Mass., January 1, 1944.

MR. PERCY ROWE,  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:—  
MENDON, MASS.  
Dear Sir,

It gives me pleasure to submit to you my annual report for the year ending December 31, 1943.

In the first and second grades, rote songs have been taught, and rhythmic drills such as clapping, marching and skipping to music have been used extensively. Monotones have been encouraged to listen to and imitate the tones of the better singers in the classrooms.

The rudiments of note reading have been introduced such as—the staff, names of lines and spaces, bars, double bars, the G clef, whole notes, half notes, and quarter notes.

In the higher grades, this work in more difficult form has been carried on, with part singing beginning in the fifth grade.

In all of the grades, attention has been given to good tone production.

The third grade rhythm band played at several programs during the year. Their work is always enjoyable.

The high school chorus continues to do splendid work. The voices of the girls are very good, but it is only very



rarely that one finds a group of boys who will sing with the spirit and enthusiasm of the Mendon high school boys. The rendition of "Roses From the South" (Strauss,) at graduation was especially good.

In closing, I wish to thank you, Mr. Rowe, the School Committee, Mr. Clough, and all of the teachers for the help given to me in my work.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID N. GELLATLY,

Supervisor of Music.

## MENDON HIGH SCHOOL PRIZE SPEAKING CONTEST

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MENDON TOWN HALL, APRIL 16, 1943

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|                                          |                   |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| A Temporary Permanent .....              | Black             |
| Evelyn V. Rondeau                        |                   |
| The Battle of the River .....            | Hersey            |
| Philip W. Harding                        |                   |
| Back at Four .....                       | George            |
| Shirley M. Coleman                       |                   |
| The Blue-Eyed Sheik .....                | Kimball           |
| Victor Wandres                           |                   |
| Junior Takes Castor Oil .....            | Stewart           |
| Carol J. Hook                            |                   |
| Selections by Rhythm Band                |                   |
| Fort Wagner .....                        | Dickinson         |
| Donald Oppewal                           |                   |
| Why Don't You Tell Me These Things ..... | Hutton            |
| Anna T. Bosma                            |                   |
| How He Saved St. Michael's .....         | Stansbury         |
| Raymond Oppewal                          |                   |
| Lady Stuart .....                        | Schiller          |
| Lois B. Coleman                          |                   |
| Sailors' Hornpipe .....                  | Girls' Dance Team |
| Decision of the Judges                   |                   |

# GRADUATION EXERCISES OF MENDON HIGH SCHOOL

FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 1943

UNITARIAN CHURCH

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## PROGRAM

- Processional—Pomp and Circumstance ..... Elgar  
Mr. David M. Gellatly
- Invocation  
Rev. Roy B. Wintersteen
- Salutatory and Essay—America Among the Nations  
Henry D. Trowsdale
- Essay—Unemployment Problems after World War  
Number Two  
Anna T. Bosma
- Song—The Heavens are Declaring ..... Beethoven  
High School Chorus
- Essay—Postwar Health Problems  
Virginia E. Longton
- Accordian Solo—Two Guitars ..... Horlick  
Ruth E. Dalton
- Essay—Education for the Future  
Barbara E. Taft
- Song—The Army Air Corps ..... Crawford  
High School Chorus

- Class History ..... Gladys A. Paddock
- Vocal Solo—Trail of Dreams ..... Swan  
Dorothy Anesta
- Essay and Valedictory—Problems of Permanent Peace  
Raymond Oppewal
- Song—Roses from the South ..... Strauss  
High School Chorus
- Award and Diploma Presentation  
Mr. Silas H. Dudley  
Chairman of School Committee
- Star Spangled Banner
- Benediction  
Rev. Roy B. Wintersteen
- Recessional—March in F ..... Farmer  
Mr. David N. Gellatly
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GRADUATES MENDON HIGH SCHOOL  
CLASS OF 1943

|                   |                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Dorothy A. Anesta | Virginia E. Longton |
| Anna T. Bosma     | Linwood E. Lowell   |
| Helen E. Brown    | Raymond Oppewal     |
| Elaine M. Carmody | Gladys A. Paddock   |
| Marston E. Daley  | Barbara E. Taft     |
| Ruth E. Dalton    | Henry D. Trowsdale  |
| June R. Kneeland  | Robert B. Twitchell |
| Geneva M. Wilbur  |                     |

# TOWN WARRANT

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## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

*Worcester, ss.*

To the Constable of the Town of Mendon in the County of  
Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Mendon qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Mendon on Monday, the sixth day of March A. D., 1944, punctually at 9 o'clock A. M., to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside over said meeting.

Article 2. To bring in their ballots for the following Town Officers: One Town Clerk for one year, One Selectman for three years, One Assessor for three years, One Town Treasurer for one year, a Collector of Taxes for one year, One Auditor for one year, One Constable for one year, One Tree Warden for one year, One Trustee of the Taft Public Library for two years, One Member of the School Committee for three years, One Park Commissioner for three years, One Highway Surveyor for one year, all on one ballot designating the office intended for each person voted for.

Article 3. To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and Committees, and act thereon.

Article 4. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 5. To appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town expenses for the financial year beginning January 1, 1944.

Article 6. To determine the compensation of the Tax Collector for the ensuing year.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to authorize the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1944, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

Article 8. To see if the Town will appropriate any sum of money for Memorial Day services and appoint a committee to expend the same.

Article 9. To see if the Town will appropriate any sum of money for the improvement and repairs of highways, to be expended under the direction of the Massachusetts Department of Public Works as provided under Chapter 81 of the General Laws as amended, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 10. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$216.40 for the operation and repair of Town machinery, said amount to be taken from the Road Machinery fund, or take any action in regard to the same.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise any sum of money for the care of Soldiers' and Sailors' graves or take any action in relation to the same.

Article 12. To see what action the Town will take regarding any legal proceedings that may be brought by or against the Town.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the Dog License Refund received from Worcester County in 1943 to be used for general school expenses in 1944, or take any action in relation to the same.

Article 14. To see if the Town will appropriate any sum of money for Street Lights for the ensuing year.

(This is not a complete Warrant. It contains only such articles as were ready for insertion when the town report went to the printer.)

The polls may be closed at 8 o'clock P. M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in said Mendon and causing a copy to be published once in the Milford Daily News, a newspaper published in Milford, Mass., both said posting and publication to be at least seven days before the time of the meeting hereby ordered to be held.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said town before the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Mendon this 20th day of February, A. D., 1944.

D. VICTOR SMITH,  
ROY A. BARROWS,  
SILAS H. DUDLEY.

A true copy. Attest:



# ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

## TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

## TOWN OF MENDON

INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE

Municipal Year Ending December 31, 1944

278TH ANNUAL REPORT

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MILFORD, MASS.

THE CHARLESCRAFT PRESS, PRINTERS.

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## TOWN OF MENDON.

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Town of Mendon Incorporated May 15, 1667.

Population 1315, 1940 Census.

Registered Voters in 1944: Men, 406. Women, 394. Total, 800.

Annual Meeting: First Monday in March.

### County Commissioners:

Elbert M. Crockett, Chairman ..... Milford

George W. Jones ..... Worcester

Francis E. Cassidy ..... Webster

### Fourth Congressional District

Congressman, Joseph William Martin, Jr. .... North Attleboro

### Seventh Councillor District

Councillor, George E. Nelson ..... Worcester

### Fourth Senatorial District

Senator, John Albetski ..... Webster

### Ninth Worcester Representative District

Representative General Court, Peter F. Fitzgerald, Blackstone

### Sheriff for Worcester County

William A. Bennett ..... Worcester

## TOWN OFFICERS.

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### SELECTMEN.

(Selectmen serve as Board of Public Welfare  
Board of Health and Fence Viewers).

Harold Metcalf      Roy A. Barrows      D. Victor Smith  
Silas H. Dudley (for unexpired term of Harold Metcalf  
serving in Armed Forces.)

### TOWN CLERK.

Albert S. Coleman

### TOWN TREASURER.

Moses U. Gaskill

### TAX COLLECTOR.

Arthur P. Dalton

### ASSESSORS.

Carl M. Taft    Edward T. Whiting    Charles F. Leonard, Clerk

### AUDITOR.

William A. Barry

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Leonard M. Rogers    Atty. George F. Lee    Silas H. Dudley

### TRUSTEES OF TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

D. Victor Smith      Atty. George F. Lee      Percy Rowe  
Lena W. George      Edward T. Whiting, Secretary

## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

D. Kinsley Barnes  
Robert Maynard

Joseph W. McEwen  
Albert S. Coleman, Clerk

## FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Herman K. Hersey

Herbert S. Wood

Franklin E. Goodnow

## PARK COMMISSIONERS.

Norry J. Daige

Charles F. Neal

Edward T. Whiting

Constable and Chief of Police ..... Harold C. Barrows

Tree Warden ..... William E. Nuttall

Town Solicitor ..... Shelley D. Vincent

Dog Officer ..... Harold C. Barrows

Public Weigher ..... Richard Gaskill

Sealer of Weights and Measures ..... Walter Taylor

Superintendent of Schools ..... Percy Rowe

Fire Chief and Forest Warden ..... Harold F. Lowell

Superintendent of Streets ..... Arthur A. Sabatinelli

Burial Agent ..... Norry J. Daige

Inspector of Slaughtering ..... Frank Phillips

Inspector of Animals ..... Moses U. Gaskill

## Rationing Board:

Nathaniel B. Cox  
Asa B. Vear

Ralph W. Coffin, Chairman  
Vestella M. Daniels, Clerk

## In Memoriam

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It is fitting that we, who live to enjoy the fruits and liberties for which they fought and died, dedicate to them this 278th Annual Report. May we not forget the cause for which they died. May we with diligence root out the ignorance and self-complacency that brought about the present holocaust. And may we learn the lessons of cooperation and goodwill, that they shall not have died in vain.

RAYMOND BESSETTE

ORVILLE LAPHAM

KENNETH STYMEST

GEORGE H. SCOTT

ROGER L. WOOD

# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT. 1944.

## DOGS LICENSED IN 1944.

|                                         |          |          |
|-----------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| 121 Males at \$2.00 each .....          | \$242 00 |          |
| 27 Females at \$5.00 each .....         | 135 00   |          |
| 44 Spayed Females at \$2.00 each .....  | 88 00    |          |
| 2 Kennel licenses at \$10.00 each ..... | 20 00    |          |
| 2 Kennel licenses at \$25.00 each ..... | 50 00    |          |
|                                         |          | <hr/>    |
|                                         |          | \$535 00 |
| Less Clerk's Fees, 196 licenses at 20c  |          | 39 20    |
|                                         |          | <hr/>    |
| Cash paid Town Treasurer as per         |          |          |
| Monthly returns .....                   |          | \$495 80 |

Attention is called to the fact that all dogs three months old or more must be licensed at the Town Clerk's office on or before April 1, 1945. No bills are sent for this tax, so please assist the Town Clerk by paying your Dog License promptly.

## SPORTING LICENSES ISSUED FROM JANUARY 1, 1944 TO DECEMBER 31, 1944.

|        |                             |    |        |          |
|--------|-----------------------------|----|--------|----------|
| Series | 1 Resident Citizen Fishing  | 86 | \$2.00 | \$172.00 |
|        | 2 Resident Citizen Hunting  | 40 | 2.00   | 80.00    |
|        | 3 Resident Citizen Sporting | 51 | 3.25   | 165.75   |
|        | 4 Resident Citizen Minors   |    |        |          |
|        | and Female Fishing          | 49 | 1.25   | 61.25    |

|                                                                      |     |       |                |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------|----------------|
| 6 Resident Citizen Sporting<br>(70 years and over) Free              | 7   | ..... | .....          |
| Resident Military and<br>Naval Free                                  | 8   | ..... | .....          |
| Resident Citizen Fishing<br>(Old Age Asst.) Free                     | 2   | ..... | .....          |
| 8 Special Non-resident<br>Fishing                                    | 6   | 1.50  | 9.00           |
| 10 Non-resident Citizen<br>Fishing                                   | 3   | 5.25  | 15.75          |
| 12 Non-resident Citizen<br>Sporting                                  | 1   | 15.25 | 15.25          |
|                                                                      |     |       | <hr/> \$556.25 |
| Fees retained by Clerk                                               | 253 | .25   | 63.25          |
|                                                                      |     |       | <hr/>          |
| Amount paid Division of Fisheries<br>and Game as per monthly reports |     |       | \$493.00       |

Attention is called to the fact that all applications for Sporting licenses of any kind MUST be made in person. This is the ruling of the Attorney General.

## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1944.

| Date of Birth 1944 |    | Name of Child               | Name of Parents with Maiden Name of Mother |
|--------------------|----|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Jan.               | 3  | Franklyn Jon DeWolfe        | James F. and Jean F. Sails                 |
|                    | 5  | Mary Louise Yanski          | Walter and Stella A. Hammond               |
|                    | 10 | Norman David Woodfall       | Lawrence C. and Eleanor B. Jackson         |
|                    | 11 | Deborah Elinor Taft         | Austin B. and Shirley L. Smith             |
| Feb.               | 26 | Virginia White              | Jesse F. and Margherita O. Cassino         |
|                    | 6  | Edgar Arthur White          | Edgar L. and Gloria Merle Stuart           |
|                    | 15 | Wayne Edward Kopeski        | Edward J. and Rita M. Tetreault            |
| Mar.               | 5  | Linda Mary Lapworth         | William and Katherine Collins              |
|                    | 8  | William Charles Scott       | William and Sadie Roshier                  |
|                    | 25 | Roy Alfred Barrows, 2nd     | Merton F. and Janet L. Smith               |
| Apr.               | 3  | Charles Garland Bagg        | Charles F. and Frances M. Garland          |
|                    | 29 | Jo Ann Elizabeth Lee        | George F. and Grace Marion Ellison         |
| May                | 3  | Ellen Elizabeth Grant       | William E. and Mary M. Foley               |
|                    | 9  | Priscilla Jean Hazard       | Richard Ellsworth and Anna O'Donnell       |
|                    | 31 | Louis Stratton Racicot, Jr. | Louis S. and Dorothy Halsing               |
| June               | 10 | Robert Norman Johnson       | Herbert V. and Eva Dalrymple               |
|                    | 14 | Sheila Mae Rogers           | Norman I. and Dorothy Brown                |
|                    | 22 | Peter William Chase         | Robert W. and Anne E. O'Donnell            |
| July               | 1  | Edward Russell Boover       | Edward J. and Mildred E. Bowen             |
|                    | 22 | David Bryant Longton        | Russell C. and Ruth Perron                 |
| Oct.               | 1  | Mildred Ann Gaskill         | Richard M. and Dora G. Streeter            |
|                    | 6  | Roger Robert Brothers       | Theodore A. and Yolande Guy                |
|                    | 8  | William David White         | David F. and Christine M. Pirie            |
| Nov.               | 27 | John Robert Vander Sluis    | Robert and Elizabeth Heerdt                |
| Dec.               | 12 | Susan Elaine Whiting        | Edward T. and Sadie B. Springer            |
|                    | 22 | Drolet                      | Leo E. and Mildred Riley                   |

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## MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1944.

| Date of Marriage<br>1944 |    | Place of Marriage | Names                         | Residence          |
|--------------------------|----|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Jan.                     | 1  | Mendon            | Roy Oscar Johnson             | Franklin, Mass.    |
|                          |    |                   | Pauline May Nason             | Mendon             |
|                          | 15 | Hopedale          | Robert Dexter Turner          | Hopdale, Mass.     |
|                          |    |                   | Leslie Frances Richardson     | Mendon             |
| Mar.                     | 15 | Whitinsville      | Ercole L. Sabatinelli         | Mendon             |
|                          |    |                   | Dorothy A. Corron             | Northbridge, Mass. |
|                          | 18 | Providence        | John Francis Vaughan          | Mendon             |
|                          |    |                   | Evelyn Eva Shurtleff          | Mendon             |
| Apr.                     | 18 | Uxbridge          | Louis L. Racicot              | Uxbridge, Mass.    |
|                          |    |                   | Dorothy Rose Halsing          | Mendon             |
|                          | 1  | Mendon            | Edward N. Kinsley             | Mendon             |
|                          |    |                   | Edith F. Carlson Rogers       | Mendon             |
|                          | 9  | Milford           | Norman S. Mason               | Holliston, Mass.   |
|                          |    |                   | Clara Mae Boover              | Mendon             |
|                          | 18 | West Roxbury      | Charles William Davidson, Jr. | Mendon             |
|                          |    |                   | Jean Clafin Tisdale           | Mendon             |
| May                      | 30 | Mendon            | Merton Everett Gill           | Eastham, Mass.     |
|                          |    |                   | Dorcas Mary Daley             | Mendon             |
|                          | 30 | Hopedale          | John Alden Lawson             | Mendon             |
|                          |    |                   | Pearl Evelyn Proctor          | Hopedale, Mass.    |
| June                     | 2  | Mendon            | Frederic H. Gilbert           | Mystic, Conn.      |
|                          |    |                   | Louise Jean Peltier           | New London, Conn.  |
| July                     | 21 | Mendon            | William David Rondeau         | Mendon             |
|                          |    |                   | Ellen Ella Simmons            | Mendon             |
| Aug.                     | 4  | Hopedale          | Victor D'Alessandro           | Milford, Mass      |
|                          |    |                   | Julia Noesky                  | Mendon             |
|                          | 19 | Hopedale          | Wilfred Joseph Rousseau       | Woonsocket, R. I.  |
|                          |    |                   | Yvette Desrosiers             | Mendon             |
| Sept.                    | 26 | Mendon            | Kenneth A. Flanders, Jr.      | Hartford, Conn.    |
|                          |    |                   | Doris Marilyn Fisk            | Mendon             |
|                          | 16 | Mendon            | Otis L. Clark                 | Mendon             |
|                          |    |                   | Bertha E. Phipps Lynch        | Mendon             |
| Oct.                     | 31 | Mendon            | William T. Eaton              | Pittsfield, N. H.  |
|                          |    |                   | Nellie Rose Bradley Whitney   | Pittsfield, N. H.  |

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## DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1944.

| Date of<br>Death<br>1944 | Name                         | Age |    |    | Cause of Death                     |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----|----|----|------------------------------------|
|                          |                              | Y   | M  | D  |                                    |
| Jan. 27                  | Nellie Frances Hurd Gordon   | 83  | 4  | 29 | Broncho pneumonia                  |
| Feb. 18                  | Sadie Wyga Wiersma           | 59  | 8  | .. | Acute Glomerulos Hephritis         |
| 20                       | Warren B. Phipps             | 79  | 10 | 5  | Arterio sclerosis                  |
| Mar. 4                   | Annie W. Gaskill             | 83  | 5  | 15 | Arterio sclerosis                  |
| 8                        | Richard Parkinson            | 83  | 10 | 18 | Arterio sclerosis                  |
| 29                       | William Francis Irons        | 74  | 3  | 17 | Cerebral apoplexy                  |
| Apr. 3                   | George W. Romprey            | 71  | .. | .. | Arterio sclerosis of the brain     |
| 15                       | Eldora Martin Freeman        | 78  | 10 | 7  | Cancer of the liver                |
| 14                       | Duncan Jeffery Pond          | 81  | 2  | 10 | Carcinoma of Colon—Peritonitis     |
| 16                       | Ellen Maria Sears            | 76  | 9  | .. | Chronic Endocarditis               |
| 21                       | Roy A. Barrows, 2nd          | ..  | .. | 28 | Congenital Heart Disease           |
| 27                       | Josephine Elizabeth Lundvall | 75  | .. | 10 | Broncho pneumonia                  |
| May 1                    | Gertrude Palmer Newcomb      | 61  | 9  | 8  | Cardio Renal Disease               |
| 5                        | Eliza J. Hammond             | 67  | .. | .. | Broncho pneumonia                  |
| 13                       | Peter Orlo Gaskill           | 76  | 1  | 24 | Myocarditis                        |
| July 16                  | Michael Diorio               | 17  | .. | .. | Accidental Drowning                |
| 28                       | Kenneth Gordon Stymest       | 21  | 1  | 12 | Chronic Pulmonary tuberculosis     |
| Sept. 11                 | Maria Courtemanche           | 42  | .. | .. | Multiple emboli of brain and lungs |
| 19                       | Leopoldo Bracci              | 72  | .. | .. | Broncho pneumonia                  |
| Oct. 3                   | Florence Gertrude Grayson    | 36  | 3  | 22 | Barbiturate poisoning              |
| Nov. 24                  | Per John Hoberg              | 73  | 8  | 25 | Cerebral Hemorrhage                |
| 28                       | Harry Bernard Grant          | 50  | 7  | 10 | Chronic Parenchymatous nephritis   |
| Dec. 13                  | Susan E. Whiting             | ..  | .. | 1  | Prematurity                        |
| 14                       | Lewis George Bronson         | 59  | 1  | 15 | Coronary Thrombosis                |

Parents and others are requested to carefully examine the above lists and if any errors or omissions are discovered report them at once to the town clerk, that the record may be corrected, as it is of importance that the records of Vital Statistics should be complete. Herewith are extracts from the General Laws; Chapter 46.

GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 46, SECTION 3.

(As Amended by Chapter 281, Section 1, Acts of 1925).

Every physician, or hospital medical officer registered under section nine of chapter one hundred and twelve, in this chapter called officer, shall keep a record of the birth of every child in cases of which he was in charge, showing date and place of birth, the name, if any, of the child, its sex and color, the name, age, birthplace, occupation and residence (including the street number, if any, and the ward number, if in a city) of each parent, the maiden name of the mother and the name of the physician or officer, if any, personally attending the birth. If the child is illegitimate, the name of, and other facts relating to the father shall not be set forth except upon written request of both the father and mother; provided, that if an illegitimate child shall have become legitimate by the intermarriage of his parents and the acknowledgment of his father, as provided in section seven of chapter one hundred and ninety, prior to the mailing or delivery of any report herein required, such report shall read, in all respects, as if such child had been born to such parents in lawful wedlock. Said physician or officer shall, within fifteen days after such birth, mail or deliver to the clerk or registrar of the town where such birth occurred, a report stating the facts hereinabove required to be shown on said record and also the said written request, if any; provided, that if said report is not so made within forty-eight hours after such birth, said physician or officer shall, within said forty-eight hours, mail or deliver to said clerk or registrar

a notice stating the date and place of the birth, the street number, if any, the ward number, if in a city, and the family name. Upon presentation to him of a certificate of the town clerk stating that any such birth has been duly reported, the town treasurer shall pay to such physician or officer a fee of twenty-five cents for each birth so reported. Any physician or any such officer violating any provision of this section shall forfeit not more than twenty-five dollars. The said town clerk or registrar shall file daily with the local board of health a list of all births reported to him, showing, as to each, the date of birth, sex, color, family name, residence, ward and physician or officer in charge.

#### GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 46, SECTION 6.

Parents, within forty days after the birth of a child, and every householder, within forty days after a birth in his house, shall cause notice thereof to be given to the clerk of the town where such child is born \* \* \*.

Blanks may be obtained upon application to the town clerk.

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### NOTICE

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#### SOME OF THE MANY

#### REASONS WHY BIRTHS SHOULD BE RECORDED.

To establish identity.

To prove nationality.

To prove legitimacy.

To show when the child has the right to enter school.

To show when the child has the right to seek employment under the child labor law.

To establish the right of inheritance to property.

To establish liability to military duty, as well as exemption therefrom.

To establish age and citizenship in order to vote.

To qualify to hold title to, and to buy or sell real estate.

To establish the right to hold public office.

To prove the age at which the marriage contract may be entered into.

To prove age to determine validity of a contract entered into by an alleged minor.

To prove age for Old Age Assistance.

To prove age so as to have the right to take Civil Service Examinations.

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Parents be sure to record the birth of your child with given name in full.

Your co-operation to the end that all births may be properly recorded will be greatly appreciated.

Your attention is called to the provisions of Section 36 and 55 of Chapter 207 of the General Laws relating to marriages solemnized out of this state, which are as follows:

"Section 29 of Chapter 151 of the Revised Laws: If a marriage is solemnized in another state between parties living in this Commonwealth who return to dwell here they shall, within seven days after their return, file with the clerk or registrar of the city or town in which either of them lived

at the time of their marriage, a certificate or declaration of their marriage, including the facts relative to marriages, which are required by law, and for neglect thereof shall forfeit ten dollars."

Blanks for the return of all Vital records can be obtained from the Town Clerk.

I take this opportunity in wishing the Townspeople peace and prosperity during the year 1945.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT S. COLEMAN,

Town Clerk.

Mendon, January 1, 1945.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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The Treasurer of the Town of Mendon submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1944.

The Treasurer debits himself with receiving the following amounts:—

|                                          |             |
|------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Cash balance Jan. 1, 1944 .....          | \$11,224 09 |
| County Treasurer, Dog License Refund     | 452 24      |
| State Treasurer, High School Tuition     | 900 00      |
| State Treasurer, Highways (4036) ....    | 2,583 27    |
| State Treasurer, Highways (8796) ....    | 80 04       |
| County Treasurer, Highways (8796) ....   | 80 04       |
| State Treasurer, Vocational Education    | 91 89       |
| L. N. Jaques & Sons, Refund .....        | 1 06        |
| Sale of Town Annals .....                | 2 00        |
| School Fund, Part II .....               | 2,839 01    |
| State Treasurer, Old Age Assistance .... | 6,669 46    |
| State Treasurer, Highway Fund .....      | 3,238 76    |
| State Treasurer, Income Tax .....        | 5,977 40    |
| State Treasurer, Corporation Tax .....   | 3,842 45    |
| Refund on Collector's Bond .....         | 6 70        |
| District Court Fines .....               | 100 00      |
| State Treasurer, Meal Tax .....          | 446 31      |
| George Johnson, Town Hall Rent .....     | 404 60      |
| Fees from Hay Scales .....               | 6 60        |
| State Treasurer, Inspection of Animals   | 75 00       |
| Redemption of Tax Titles .....           | 37 16       |
| State Treasurer, Forestry Dept. ....     | 92 00       |
| State Treasurer, Highways (4216) .....   | 3,055 50    |
| State Treasurer, Dept. of Public Health  | 244 29      |
| State Treasurer, Highways (9113) ....    | 1,405 67    |
| County Treasurer, Highways (9113)        | 1,405 67    |
| State Treasurer, Supt. of Schools .....  | 701 87      |



|                                             |          |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|
| State Treasurer, War Allowance .....        | 20 00    |
| Old Age Assistance, U. S. Grant .....       | 8,261 23 |
| Mothers' Aid, U. S. Grant .....             | 150 00   |
| Road Machinery Reserve Fund .....           | 263 50   |
| Town Clerk, Dog License Fees .....          | 495 80   |
| License Fees .....                          | 596 00   |
| Temporary Aid and Transportation ....       | 1,252 80 |
| Library Fines .....                         | 18 71    |
| Sealer of Weights and Measures .....        | 3 90     |
| Aid to Dependent Children .....             | 117 84   |
| Frank R. Phillips, Inspector of Meats ..... | 46 50    |
| Interest on Defense Bond .....              | 12 50    |
| Other Receipts .....                        | 5 40     |

## Collector of Taxes, A. P. Dalton:

|                             |                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1942 Property Taxes .....   | \$291 14           |
| 1943 Excise .....           | 82 64              |
| 1943 Poll .....             | 5 00               |
| 1943 Property .....         | 4,976 97           |
| 1943 Tax Taking Costs ..... | 5 50               |
| 1944 Poll Taxes .....       | 729 69             |
| 1944 Excise Taxes .....     | 1,807 51           |
| 1944 Property .....         | 36,719 20          |
| Total Receipts .....        | <hr/> \$101,824 91 |

## RESERVE FUND

\$1,000 00

|                                         |            |
|-----------------------------------------|------------|
| Transferred to Tree Warden Dept. ....   | \$128 60   |
| Transferred to Moth Scout .....         | 200 00     |
| Transferred to Incidentals .....        | 184 38     |
| Transferred to Highways, Chap. 81 ..... | 82 03      |
| Transferred to Highways, Chap. 90 ..... | 1 00       |
| Transferred to Board of Health .....    | 34 38      |
| Transferred to Police Dept. ....        | 42 56      |
|                                         | <hr/>      |
|                                         | \$672 95   |
| Balance .....                           | 327 05     |
|                                         | <hr/>      |
|                                         | \$1,000 00 |

The Treasurer Credits himself with paying the following amounts:—

|                                        |         |    |
|----------------------------------------|---------|----|
| Incidentals .....                      | \$2,934 | 38 |
| Support of Schools .....               | 22,184  | 82 |
| Snow Removal .....                     | 1,232   | 91 |
| Town Water Survey .....                | 250     | 00 |
| Officers' Salaries .....               | 1,728   | 15 |
| Soldiers' Relief .....                 | 347     | 94 |
| Insurance .....                        | 723     | 60 |
| Bonds for Town Officers .....          | 94      | 25 |
| Fire Dept. ....                        | 661     | 74 |
| General Repairs .....                  | 884     | 07 |
| Road Machinery Account .....           | 212     | 29 |
| Street Lights .....                    | 627     | 00 |
| Board of Health .....                  | 834     | 38 |
| Worcester County Hospital .....        | 1,615   | 31 |
| Forest Fires .....                     | 485     | 24 |
| Library .....                          | 524     | 66 |
| Moth Scout .....                       | 399     | 70 |
| Police .....                           | 742     | 56 |
| Chapter 81 .....                       | 7,582   | 03 |
| Town Hall .....                        | 1,293   | 41 |
| Park Dept. ....                        | 123     | 52 |
| Motor Tax Refund .....                 | 7       | 37 |
| Tree Warden .....                      | 328     | 60 |
| Chapter 90, Highways .....             | 4,501   | 00 |
| Memorial Day .....                     | 84      | 00 |
| School House Notes .....               | 2,000   | 00 |
| Interest on Notes .....                | 450     | 00 |
| State Tax .....                        | 2,904   | 00 |
| County Tax .....                       | 2,492   | 74 |
| State Parks and Reservations .....     | 56      | 19 |
| County Treasurer, Dog License Fees ... | 503     | 00 |
| Property Tax, Refund .....             | 37      | 70 |
| Old Age Assistance .....               | 17,389  | 80 |
| Aid to Dependent Children .....        | 376     | 00 |
| Public Welfare .....                   | 1,870   | 09 |



|                                            |       |              |
|--------------------------------------------|-------|--------------|
| Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves .....        | 20 00 |              |
| Home National Bank, Interest on Bond ..... | 12 50 |              |
| Total Payments .....                       |       | \$78,514 95  |
| Cash balance, Dec. 31, 1944 .....          |       | 23,309 96    |
|                                            |       | <hr/>        |
|                                            |       | \$101,824 91 |

## TAX TITLES.

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| 12 Tax Titles ..... | \$956 77 |
|---------------------|----------|

## AUSTIN WOOD RELIEF FUND.

## DR.

|                                            |          |            |
|--------------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| To Cash in Milford Savings Bank .....      | \$726 23 |            |
| To Cash in Worcester Savings Bank ....     | 743 94   |            |
| To Interest Received .....                 | 13 84    |            |
| To Interest Received, Worcester Bank ..... | 14 94    |            |
|                                            | <hr/>    | \$1,498 95 |

## CR.

|                                       |          |            |
|---------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| By Cash in Milford Savings Bank ..... | \$665 07 |            |
| By Two Town Orders .....              | 75 00    |            |
| By Cash in Worcester Bank .....       | 758 88   |            |
|                                       | <hr/>    | \$1,498 95 |

## F. N. THAYER CEMETERY FUND.

## DR.

|                                       |         |         |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| To Cash in Milford Savings Bank ..... | \$11 83 |         |
| To Cash Received .....                | 3 50    |         |
| To Interest Received .....            | 24      |         |
|                                       | <hr/>   | \$15 57 |

## CR.

|                                       |            |  |
|---------------------------------------|------------|--|
| By Cash in Milford Savings Bank ..... | \$15 57    |  |
| U. S. Defense Bond .....              | \$1,000 00 |  |

|                         |       |            |
|-------------------------|-------|------------|
| Interest Received ..... | 25 00 |            |
|                         | <hr/> | \$1,025 00 |

## ANNA ELLIS LIBRARY FUND.

DR.

|                                       |          |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| To Cash in Milford Savings Bank ..... | \$507 52 |          |
| To Interest Received .....            | 10 19    |          |
|                                       | <hr/>    | \$517 71 |

CR.

|                                       |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| By Cash in Milford Savings Bank ..... | \$517 71 |
|---------------------------------------|----------|

## NATHAN R. GEORGE TRUST FUND.

DR.

|                                       |            |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| To Cash in Milford Savings Bank ..... | \$1,026 89 |            |
| To Interest Received .....            | 20 63      |            |
|                                       | <hr/>      | \$1,047 52 |

CR.

|                                       |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| By Cash in Milford Savings Bank ..... | \$1,047 52 |
|---------------------------------------|------------|

## HONOR ROLL FUND.

DR.

|                                     |          |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| To Cash in Home National Bank ..... | \$175 55 |          |
| To Interest Received .....          | 2 19     |          |
|                                     | <hr/>    | \$177 74 |

CR.

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| By Cash in Bank ..... | \$177 74 |
|-----------------------|----------|

## FLETCHER LIBRARY FUND.

DR.

|                                       |            |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| To Cash in Milford Savings Bank ..... | \$5,144 59 |            |
| To Interest Received .....            | 103 40     |            |
|                                       | <hr/>      | \$5,247 99 |

CR.

|                                       |            |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| By Cash in Milford Savings Bank ..... | \$5,127 50 |            |
| One Library Order .....               | 120 49     |            |
|                                       | <hr/>      | \$5,247 99 |

Respectfully submitted,

MOSES U. GASKILL,

Treasurer.

January 1, 1945.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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The past year has seen the Town of Mendon substantially better its financial condition. At the end of 1943, the Town for the first time in many years emerged with a slightly larger amount of assets over liabilities,—\$1,512.99. During the past year, the trend has continued, and the assets have been increased in 1944 by about \$13,000 over the liabilities. For the first time in over thirty years there has been enough cash in the treasury so that borrowing in anticipation of revenue was not necessary. And at the end of 1944, more than twice as much money was in the treasury than at the end of 1943; so that it would seem unlikely that it would be necessary to borrow in anticipation of revenue in 1945. In this connection, a bouquet goes to our efficient tax collector; for no outstanding taxes of 1943 are on the books, and ninety percent of the 1944 taxes are in. Our financial condition is far better than at the end of 1940, when Mendon enjoyed (?) the lowest cash balance and funds available of any town in the State between 450 and 2000 population.

It would be well for the Town to continue building up this financial surplus, rather than try to reduce the taxes with free cash at this time. For no one knows to what extent our financial condition may be strained if there is a general slackening off of work in industrial plants during a readjustment period from war to peace. Several towns in the State have sufficient free cash to enable them to operate normally for two and three years without collecting any taxes.

One matter which should be seriously considered is our present accounting system. With our present system, the books are closed at the end of each year, and there is nothing to indicate any debit balances due the Town, or to check upon

whether or not bills due the Town are paid during the ensuing year. It is for this reason that, appearing in the State Auditor's report, there are a few overdrafts and unpaid bills due the Town that must be adjusted at the next Town meeting. 300 of the 350 towns of the State are using the State-approved form of accounting system. Mendon is not one of them. The State system would prevent loose ends in accounting; and due to the increasing complexity of the Town business, we recommend the State system for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

D. VICTOR SMITH, Chairman,  
ROY A. BARROWS,  
SILAS H. DUDLEY,  
Board of Selectmen.

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#### INCIDENTALS.

|                                     |            |                  |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------------|
| Appropriation .....                 | \$2,750 00 |                  |
| Transferred from Reserve Fund ..... | 184 38     |                  |
|                                     |            | <hr/> \$2,934 38 |

#### CARE AND OPERATION OF TOWN HALL.

|                                           |          |                |
|-------------------------------------------|----------|----------------|
| George A. Johnson, janitor .....          | \$150 00 |                |
| George A. Johnson, misc. expenses .....   | 1 75     |                |
| Worcester Suburban Elec. Co., lights .... | 93 86    |                |
| Barney Coal Co., coal .....               | 307 60   |                |
| Fuller Regalia Co., flags .....           | 25 03    |                |
| Leon Zocchi Co., shades .....             | 41 25    |                |
| Boston Janitor Supply Co., supplies ..... | 7 81     |                |
| Harvey E. Trask, labor and material ....  | 9 35     |                |
| Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., supplies .....     | 3 24     |                |
| L. N. Jaques & Sons .....                 | 24 23    |                |
|                                           |          | <hr/> \$664 12 |

## CARE AND OPERATION OF RECORD ROOM.

|                                        |         |          |
|----------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Cahill's News Agency .....             | \$31 26 |          |
| Carrie Marlow, janitor .....           | 36 50   |          |
| Lester Hill, electrical work .....     | 5 00    |          |
| Harvey Trask, labor .....              | 14 94   |          |
| R. O. Sweet, oil burner service .....  | 7 00    |          |
| Florabelle Hammond, cleaning .....     | 5 50    |          |
| Nina Burr, supplies .....              | 1 15    |          |
| Milford Locksmith, keys .....          | 50      |          |
| Charlescraft Press, supplies .....     | 20 00   |          |
| R. B. Dalrymple, paint and labor ..... | 4 97    |          |
| Hobbs & Warren, Inc., forms .....      | 5 51    |          |
| Forbes Press, supplies .....           | 31 25   |          |
| Postage .....                          | 12 00   |          |
| Worcester Suburban Elec. Co., lights   | 19 29   |          |
| N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. ....             | 31 60   |          |
| Telechron Co., repairs .....           | 1 52    |          |
| Barney Coal Co., oil .....             | 82 32   |          |
| Uxbridge Printing Co., supplies .....  | 3 40    |          |
| C. C. Shattuck, supplies .....         | 58      |          |
|                                        | <hr/>   | \$314 29 |

## CIVILIAN DEFENSE.

|                            |         |         |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. .... | \$34 47 |         |
|                            | <hr/>   | \$34 47 |

## BALLOT CLERKS AND TELLERS.

|                      |          |          |
|----------------------|----------|----------|
| Payrolls, (5) .....  | \$122 56 |          |
| Lowell's Dairy ..... | 4 30     |          |
|                      | <hr/>    | \$126 86 |

## TOWN CLERK.

|                                                      |       |  |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------|--|
| Walter Watson, death returns .....                   | \$ 50 |  |
| Town Clerks' meeting, Worcester, ex-<br>penses ..... | 14 00 |  |
| A. S. Coleman, swearing in town officers             | 9 00  |  |
| Postage and telephone calls .....                    | 16 73 |  |

|                                         |       |          |
|-----------------------------------------|-------|----------|
| Recording 24 births .....               | 24 00 |          |
| Recording 6 delayed births .....        | 6 00  |          |
| Recording 17 marriages .....            | 8 50  |          |
| Recording 24 deaths .....               | 12 00 |          |
| Spaulding-Moss Co., stapler and staples | 2 95  |          |
| Charlescraft Press, supplies .....      | 4 00  |          |
| Cahill's News Agency, supplies .....    | 4 98  |          |
| Meeting at Swampscott, expenses .....   | 14 50 |          |
| County Clerks' meeting, expenses .....  | 4 60  |          |
| Milford Daily News, advertising .....   | 9 65  |          |
| Robinson Seal Co., supplies .....       | 13 23 |          |
| Overcharge in error .....               | 10 00 |          |
|                                         |       | <hr/>    |
|                                         |       | \$154 14 |

## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

|                                     |         |          |
|-------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| A. S. Coleman, salary .....         | \$20 00 |          |
| A. S. Coleman, listing .....        | 55 00   |          |
| A. S. Coleman, use of car .....     | 8 00    |          |
| Robert Maynard, salary .....        | 10 00   |          |
| Joseph McEwan, salary .....         | 10 00   |          |
| Joseph McEwan, use of car .....     | 3 00    |          |
| Joseph McEwan, listing .....        | 4 50    |          |
| D. Kinsley Barnes, salary .....     | 10 00   |          |
| D. Kinsley Barnes, use of car ..... | 2 50    |          |
| D. Kinsley Barnes, listing .....    | 7 00    |          |
| Helen Fairbanks, listing .....      | 5 00    |          |
| Anna Ingham, listing .....          | 7 00    |          |
| Rose O'Grady, listing .....         | 3 50    |          |
| Robinson Seal Co., supplies .....   | 6 15    |          |
|                                     |         | <hr/>    |
|                                     |         | \$152 15 |

## SELECTMEN.

|                                      |        |         |
|--------------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Selectmen's Association of Worcester |        |         |
| County, dues .....                   | \$9 00 |         |
| Expenses to meetings (3) .....       | 37 12  |         |
| D. V. Smith, use of car .....        | 10 00  |         |
|                                      |        | <hr/>   |
|                                      |        | \$56 12 |



## INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS.

|                                |          |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Moses U. Gaskill, salary ..... | \$150 00 |          |
|                                | <hr/>    | \$150 00 |

## INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING.

|                                 |         |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Frank R. Phillips, salary ..... | \$22 00 |         |
|                                 | <hr/>   | \$22 00 |

## BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

|                                       |         |          |
|---------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Assoc. of Mass. Assessors, dues ..... | \$12 00 |          |
| Hobbs & Warren, Inc., forms .....     | 32 81   |          |
| Worcester County Abstract Co., ab-    |         |          |
| stracts .....                         | 34 14   |          |
| Stoneham Independent, tax cards ..... | 1 00    |          |
| Carl Taft, use of car .....           | 20 00   |          |
| Postage and Keys .....                | 8 00    |          |
| Cahill's News Agency .....            | 1 40    |          |
| Expenses to meetings .....            | 20 00   |          |
|                                       | <hr/>   | \$129 05 |

## TAX COLLECTOR.

|                                       |         |          |
|---------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Barre Gazette, supplies .....         | \$34 38 |          |
| Hobbs & Warren, Inc., supplies .....  | 16 06   |          |
| Milford Daily News, tax parcels ..... | 9 70    |          |
| Postage .....                         | 54 00   |          |
| Arthur P. Dalton, use of car .....    | 10 00   |          |
| Arthur P. Dalton, overpayment of      |         |          |
| 1941 taxes .....                      | 3 32    |          |
|                                       | <hr/>   | \$127 46 |

## TOWN TREASURER.

|                                       |         |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Home National Bank, bank charges .... | \$17 50 |
| Robinson Seal Co., supplies .....     | 1 18    |
| Hobbs & Warren, Inc., supplies .....  | 1 86    |
| Charlescraft Press, supplies .....    | 10 05   |



|                                        |       |          |
|----------------------------------------|-------|----------|
| Postage .....                          | 40 85 |          |
| M. U. Gaskill, use of car .....        | 25 00 |          |
| M. U. Gaskill, making Schedule A ..... | 12 00 |          |
|                                        | <hr/> | \$108 44 |

## TOWN COUNSEL.

|                                  |          |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Shelley D. Vincent, salary ..... | \$100 00 |          |
| Tax matters .....                | 25 00    |          |
|                                  | <hr/>    | \$125 00 |

## DOG OFFICER.

|                                         |         |         |
|-----------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Harold C. Barrows, salary .....         | \$10 00 |         |
| Harold C. Barrows, killing 8 dogs ..... | 32 00   |         |
|                                         | <hr/>   | \$42 00 |

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

|                             |         |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Walter Taylor, salary ..... | \$40 00 |         |
|                             | <hr/>   | \$40 00 |

## PUBLIC WEAIGHER.

|                               |        |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Richard Gaskill, salary ..... | \$2 30 |        |
|                               | <hr/>  | \$2 30 |

## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

|                                                 |          |  |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------|--|
| Clarke Printing Co., voting lists .....         | \$130 75 |  |
| Henry P. Clough, stencils and supplies .....    | 3 00     |  |
| Vestella Daniels, typing .....                  | 1 50     |  |
| C. L. Goss, repairing old library roof .....    | 181 75   |  |
| Ruhan Signs, lettering honor roll .....         | 5 00     |  |
| Elgar Bartlett, delivering town reports .....   | 10 00    |  |
| L. N. Jaques & Sons, supplies .....             | 1 22     |  |
| Lyman Hazard, trucking .....                    | 4 00     |  |
| Fiske Lumber Co., lumber, hay scales .....      | 14 94    |  |
| Charlescraft Press, town reports .....          | 210 10   |  |
| Charlescraft Press, Ration Board supplies ..... | 2 25     |  |

|                                                     |        |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Jane Coleman, paint for honor roll (no labor) ..... | 84     |          |
| Napoleon Thiebault, labor for scales ....           | 11 20  |          |
| Milford Daily News, advertising .....               | 109 43 |          |
|                                                     | <hr/>  | \$685 98 |

## SUMMARY.

|                                     |            |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Appropriated .....                  | \$2,750 00 |            |
| Transferred from Reserve Fund ..... | 184 38     |            |
|                                     | <hr/>      | \$2,934 38 |
| Expended .....                      | \$2,934 38 |            |

## THAYER CEMETERY FUND.

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| Cash on hand in bank ..... | \$15 57 |
|----------------------------|---------|

## SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

|                                                                        |            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Appropriation .....                                                    | \$1,800 00 |
| Expended:                                                              |            |
| Arthur P. Dalton, tax collector .....                                  | \$446 15   |
| William A. Barry, auditor .....                                        | 25 00      |
| Harold C. Barrows, constable .....                                     | 25 00      |
| Edward T. Whiting, assessor .....                                      | 100 00     |
| Carl M. Taft, assessor .....                                           | 100 00     |
| Charles F. Leonard, clerk of assessors                                 | 250 00     |
| Albert S. Coleman, town clerk .....                                    | 125 00     |
| Moses U. Gaskill, town treasurer .....                                 | 250 00     |
| Silas H. Dudley, selectman and chair-<br>man Public Welfare .....      | 170 00     |
| Roy A. Barrows, selectman and mem-<br>ber Public Welfare .....         | 81 00      |
| D. Victor Smith, chairman of selectmen,<br>member Public Welfare ..... | 156 00     |
|                                                                        | <hr/>      |
|                                                                        | \$1,728 15 |
| Unexpended .....                                                       | 71 85      |
|                                                                        | <hr/>      |
|                                                                        | \$1,800 00 |

## SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' GRAVES.

|                                     |         |         |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Appropriation .....                 |         | \$20 00 |
| Expended:                           |         |         |
| Swandale Cemetery Association ..... | \$20 00 |         |
|                                     | <hr/>   | \$20 00 |

## STREET LIGHTS.

|                                   |          |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation .....               |          | \$627 00 |
| Expended:                         |          |          |
| Worcester Suburban Elec. Co. .... | \$627 00 |          |
|                                   | <hr/>    | \$627 00 |

## SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

|                              |         |          |
|------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Appropriation .....          |         | \$400 00 |
| Expended:                    |         |          |
| One family in own home ..... | \$12 00 |          |
| One family in own home ..... | 82 44   |          |
| One family in own home ..... | 123 50  |          |
| One family in own home ..... | 105 00  |          |
| One family in own home ..... | 25 00   |          |
|                              | <hr/>   | \$347 94 |
| Unexpended .....             |         | 52 06    |
|                              |         | <hr/>    |
|                              |         | \$400 00 |

## PARK DEPARTMENT.

|                        |         |          |
|------------------------|---------|----------|
| Appropriation .....    |         | \$150 00 |
| Expended:              |         |          |
| Walter Yanski .....    | \$50 00 |          |
| Reuben Dalrymple ..... | 13 64   |          |
| Carl Taft .....        | 11 00   |          |
| Payroll No. 1 .....    | 48 88   |          |
|                        | <hr/>   | \$123 52 |
| Unexpended .....       |         | 26 48    |
|                        |         | <hr/>    |
|                        |         | \$150 00 |

## WORCESTER COUNTY HOSPITAL.

|                     |            |            |
|---------------------|------------|------------|
| Appropriation ..... |            | \$1,615 31 |
| Expended .....      | \$1,615 31 |            |
|                     | <hr/>      | \$1,615 31 |

## AUSTIN WOOD RELIEF FUND.

|                  |         |         |
|------------------|---------|---------|
| Expended:        |         |         |
| One person ..... | \$25 00 |         |
| One person ..... | 50 00   |         |
|                  | <hr/>   | \$75 00 |

## BONDS OF TOWN OFFICERS.

|                            |        |          |
|----------------------------|--------|----------|
| Appropriation .....        |        | \$115 50 |
| Expended:                  |        |          |
| Maryland Casualty Co. .... | \$5 00 |          |
| Karl Bright .....          | 89 25  |          |
|                            | <hr/>  | \$94 25  |
| Unexpended .....           |        | 21 25    |
|                            |        | <hr/>    |
|                            |        | \$115 50 |

## RESERVE FUND.

|                                       |          |            |
|---------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Appropriation .....                   |          | \$1,000 00 |
| Expended:                             |          |            |
| Transferred to Tree Warden account    | \$128 60 |            |
| Transferred to Moth Suppression ..... | 200 00   |            |
| Transferred to Incidentals .....      | 184 38   |            |
| Transferred to Chapter 81 .....       | 82 03    |            |
| Transferred to Chapter 90 M .....     | 1 00     |            |
| Transferred to Board of Health .....  | 34 38    |            |
| Transferred to Police Dept. ....      | 42 56    |            |
|                                       | <hr/>    | \$672 95   |
| Unexpended .....                      |          | 327 05     |
|                                       |          | <hr/>      |
|                                       |          | \$1,000 00 |

## TOWN HALL.

|                                                     |         |            |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------|------------|
| Appropriation .....                                 |         | \$1,300 00 |
| Expended:                                           |         |            |
| Harvey E. Trask, labor and material                 | \$54 63 |            |
| John Lundvall .....                                 | 5 00    |            |
| C. B. Dolge Co. ....                                | 31 40   |            |
| L. N. Jaques & Sons, supplies .....                 | 75 33   |            |
| N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. ....                         | 57      |            |
| Raymond Barrows .....                               | 10 50   |            |
| Stone Furniture Co., labor and materi-<br>als ..... | 147 25  |            |
| A. W. McKinley Co., painting .....                  | 745 00  |            |
| W. G. Fiske Lumber Co., lumber .....                | 7 50    |            |
| M. M. Goodnow Co., repairs .....                    | 64 69   |            |
| Glidden Co., paint .....                            | 2 04    |            |
| Commonwealth of Mass., chairs .....                 | 149 50  |            |
|                                                     | <hr/>   | \$1,293 41 |
| Unexpended .....                                    |         | 6 59       |
|                                                     |         | <hr/>      |
|                                                     |         | \$1,300 00 |

## REAL ESTATE TAX REFUND.

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| Expended: 1944 ..... | \$8 70 |
|----------------------|--------|

## MOTOR VEHICLE TAX REFUND.

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| Expended: 1944 ..... | \$7 37 |
|----------------------|--------|

## PERSONAL TAX REFUND.

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| Expended: 1944 ..... | \$29 00 |
|----------------------|---------|

## WATER SURVEY.

|                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| Appropriation .....    | \$250 00 |
| Expended:              |          |
| Frank A. Barbour ..... | \$250 00 |
|                        | <hr/>    |
|                        | \$250 00 |

## INSURANCE ON TOWN BUILDINGS.

|                        |          |          |
|------------------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation .....    |          | \$727 00 |
| Expended:              |          |          |
| Donald B. Lowell ..... | \$723 60 |          |
|                        | <hr/>    | \$723 60 |
| Unexpended .....       |          | 3 40     |
|                        |          | <hr/>    |
|                        |          | \$727 00 |

## MEMORIAL DAY.

|                                                      |         |         |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Appropriation .....                                  |         | \$85 00 |
| Expended:                                            |         |         |
| C. C. Shattuck, supplies .....                       | \$23 00 |         |
| Milford Victory Band .....                           | 40 00   |         |
| Lake Side Flower Shop, wreath .....                  | 5 00    |         |
| Charles F. Leonard, wreath .....                     | 5 00    |         |
| Clayton Parkinson Greenhouses, wreath .....          | 5 00    |         |
| Gen. Wm. F. Draper Camp, S. of U. V.,<br>flags ..... | 5 00    |         |
| Jean's Flower Shop .....                             | 1 00    |         |
|                                                      | <hr/>   | \$84 00 |
| Unexpended .....                                     |         | 1 00    |
|                                                      |         | <hr/>   |
|                                                      |         | \$85 00 |

## MOTH SUPPRESSION.

|                                     |         |          |
|-------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Appropriation .....                 |         | \$200 00 |
| Transferred from Reserve Fund ..... |         | 200 00   |
|                                     |         | <hr/>    |
|                                     |         | \$400 00 |
| Expended:                           |         |          |
| William R. Bowen, salary .....      | \$10 00 |          |
| William R. Bowen, labor .....       | 242 20  |          |
| James Cram, labor .....             | 25 00   |          |
| Willard N. Seibert, labor .....     | 66 50   |          |

|                             |       |          |
|-----------------------------|-------|----------|
| Alva Lightfoot, labor ..... | 56 00 |          |
|                             | <hr/> | \$399 70 |
| Unexpended .....            |       | 30       |
|                             |       | <hr/>    |
|                             |       | \$400 00 |

## ASSETS.

## Uncollected Taxes:

|                           |          |            |
|---------------------------|----------|------------|
| 1944 Excise Taxes .....   | \$32 91  |            |
| 1944 Property Taxes ..... | 3,983 14 |            |
|                           | <hr/>    | \$4,016 05 |

Due from the State of Massachusetts  
on Highways:

|                   |            |            |
|-------------------|------------|------------|
| Chapter 81 .....  | \$1,444 50 |            |
| Chapter 90M ..... | 94 33      |            |
|                   | <hr/>      | \$1,538 83 |

Due from the County of Worcester, on  
Highways:

|                   |         |         |
|-------------------|---------|---------|
| Chapter 90M ..... | \$94 33 |         |
|                   | <hr/>   | \$94 33 |

## Public Welfare:

Due from State of Massachusetts,  
Temporary Aid .....

|          |          |
|----------|----------|
| \$585 53 |          |
| <hr/>    | \$585 53 |

## Old Age Assistance:

|                                      |            |            |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Due from State of Massachusetts .... | \$1,650 04 |            |
| Due from U. S. Government .....      | 1,225 60   |            |
| Due from Town of Holliston .....     | 10 00      |            |
|                                      | <hr/>      | \$2,885 64 |

## Aid to Dependent Children:

|                                      |         |          |
|--------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Due from State of Massachusetts .... | \$42 00 |          |
| Due from U. S. Government .....      | 63 00   |          |
|                                      | <hr/>   | \$105 00 |

|                  |          |          |
|------------------|----------|----------|
| Tax Titles ..... | \$956 77 |          |
|                  | <hr/>    | \$956 77 |



## Board of Health:

|                                      |          |                |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------------|
| Due from State of Massachusetts .... | \$261 43 |                |
| Due from County of Worcester .....   | 18 24    |                |
|                                      |          | <hr/> \$279 67 |

## Cash in hands of Treasurer, December

|                |             |  |
|----------------|-------------|--|
| 31, 1944 ..... | \$23,309 96 |  |
|----------------|-------------|--|

|                    |             |  |
|--------------------|-------------|--|
| Total Assets ..... | \$33,771 78 |  |
|--------------------|-------------|--|

## LIABILITIES.

|                                                                                           |            |                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Due County of Worcester for Construction and Equipment of Worcester County Hospital ..... | \$2,750 00 |                   |
| Bonds on School House Addition .....                                                      | 18,000 00  |                   |
| Total Liabilities .....                                                                   |            | <hr/> \$20,750 00 |

## LIST OF JURORS.

|                       |                |                   |
|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Donald B. Lowell      | Dairyman       | North Avenue      |
| Harry L. Wilbur       | Machinist      | Hastings Street   |
| John J. Driscoll      | Machinist      | Providence Street |
| William R. Bowen      | Poultryman     | Bates Street      |
| Gordon R. Good        | Machinist      | North Avenue      |
| Ernest E. Souls       | Pattern Maker  | Bates Street      |
| Henry Twitchell       | Machinist      | Maple Street      |
| George G. Davenport   | Dairyman       | North Avenue      |
| Robert Chase          | Collector      | Hastings Street   |
| Roy A. Barrows        | Dairyman       | Blackstone Street |
| William F. Irons, Jr. | Musician       | Main Street       |
| Walter Taylor         | Factory Worker | Blackstone Street |
| Eugene H. Chapman     | Mechanic       | Kinsley Lane      |
| Vernon A. Barrows     | Grinder        | Blackstone Street |

Respectfully Submitted,

D. VICTOR SMITH, Chairman,  
 ROY A. BARROWS,  
 SILAS H. DUDLEY,

Board of Selectmen.



## REPORT OF THE POST-WAR PLANNING COMMITTEE.

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One of the most difficult tasks to be performed is that of planning for post-war conditions. It is generally conceded by business men and government officials alike that from the end of the war with Germany to six months after Japan goes down to defeat, there will be a period of readjustment and re-conversion during which between 30% and 40% of war workers will be without jobs. Then there are the optimists who believe that there will be no slackening of work.

Anticipating the worst, the Post-War Planning Committee has made plans to cushion the shock with projects that will have a lasting benefit to the Town as well as temporary benefit to those who find themselves out of work. Foremost in point of need is the town water project, dealt with to a greater degree elsewhere in these pages.

It is a known fact that some of the town facilities are wholly inadequate as to the needs of a progressive town like Mendon. The old blacksmith's shop is a disgrace to the Town, as well as impracticable to housing the road machinery and tools within its leaky confines. The shed housing the fire apparatus is totally inadequate. Common sense calls for a garage warm enough to ensure the apparatus' quick departure for a fire without the danger of losing a bearing in a cold motor, or the delay from a spitting and coughing carburetor. Then too, the present heating arrangements of the Town Hall are inadequate, as well as in dire need of replacement. Those of you who have been in the lower hall when an easterly wind is blowing, or when it is freezing outside, know the need for installing modern flush toilets in the building. Vital records are scattered about in the houses of town officials, where fire

may at any time irretrievably destroy them. So the second major project in view is the construction of a modern colonial building for the fire and highway departments, with some town offices on the second floor; with an automatic oil heating system that will obviate wasteful janitor service; with an oil storage tank large enough to warrant the wholesale cost; and a boiler large enough to supply steam through thermostatically controlled valves to the Town Hall and possibly the Library. Thus will be eliminated the high costs of janitor stoking the fires, removing the ashes, and either too little or too much heat.

These first two projects can presumably be consummated with considerable help through federal grants.

The State is making plans to reconstruct route 16 throughout its length in Mendon. The County and State have plans to rebuild North Avenue from the Upton line, widen Washington Street from the power line to Northbridge Road, and reconstruct Blackstone Street to the Blackstone line. Plans for other through streets are on the drafting tables.

The widening of Maple Street opposite the post office with room for diagonal parking is proposed. Completion of the sidewalk on North Avenue from the School to Hastings Street and on one side of Hastings Street, is one of the projects.

Drainage projects, compilation of the Town's By-Laws, and a survey of the Town roads are also possible projects.

Some of the Committee feel that much can be saved in janitor time spent in stoking the Center School boiler and removing ashes, as well as eliminating the cause of no-school sessions due to the breakdowns that have occurred frequently in the past, by having automatic oil heat installed. Few people realize that the school janitor has to fill the hopper of the stoker late at night and in the wee hours of the morning, as well as four times daily during cold weather.

Some of these projects are more for the long-term net saving of tax payers' money. But most of them utilize suffi-

cient man-hours of labor to keep our welfare rolls at a minimum, and insure something worthwhile as the results of our spending. We hope for the best. But we should prepare for the worst. The citizens of Mendon should prepare the town government financially to such a degree that if we do have a post-war slump, we should not be caught in a financial condition such as recalls the famous phrase "too little, and too late."

POST WAR PLANNING COMMITTEE,

D. VICTOR SMITH, Chairman  
ROY A. BARROWS  
SILAS H. DUDLEY  
ARTHUR A. SABATINELLI  
HAROLD F. LOWELL  
HERBERT S. WOOD  
GEORGE F. LEE  
NORRY J. DAIGE.

## SUMMARY.

| Department                    | Resources  | Expended   | Unexpended | Overdraft |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Incidentals                   | \$2,750.00 |            |            |           |
| Transferred from Reserve Fund | 184.38     |            |            |           |
| Salaries of Town Officers     | \$2,934.38 | \$2,934.38 |            |           |
| Reserve Fund                  | 1,800.00   | 1,728.15   | \$71.85    |           |
| Worcester County Hospital     | 1,000.00   | 672.95     | 327.05     |           |
| Moth Suppression              | 1,615.31   | 1,615.31   |            |           |
| Transferred from Reserve Fund | \$200.00   |            |            |           |
| Bonds of Town Officers        | 200.00     |            |            |           |
| Soldiers' Relief              | \$400.00   | 399.70     | 30         |           |
| Board of Health               | 115.50     | 94.25      | 21.25      |           |
| Transferred from Reserve Fund | 400.00     | 347.94     | 52.06      |           |
| Police Department             | \$800.00   |            |            |           |
| Transferred from Reserve Fund | 34.38      |            |            |           |
|                               | \$834.38   | 834.38     |            |           |
| Interest on Loans             | \$700.00   |            |            |           |
| Memorial Day                  | 42.56      |            |            |           |
| Park Department               | \$742.56   | 742.56     |            |           |
|                               | 100.00     |            | 100.00     |           |
|                               | 85.00      | 84.00      | 1.00       |           |
|                               | 150.00     | 123.52     | 26.48      |           |

# SUMMARY—Continued.

| Department                    | Resources   | Expended  | Unexpended | Overdraft |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves | 20.00       | 20.00     |            |           |
| Street Lights                 | 627.00      | 627.00    |            |           |
| Board of Public Welfare       | 3,000.00    | 1,870.09  | 1,129.91   |           |
| Aid to Dependent Children     | \$1,000.00  |           |            |           |
| Received from Federal Grant   | 150.00      |           |            |           |
|                               | \$1,150.00  | 376.00    | 774.00     |           |
| Bureau of Old Age Assistance  | \$10,500.00 |           |            |           |
| Received from U. S. Grant     | 7,994.80    |           |            |           |
|                               | \$18,494.80 | 17,116.44 | 1,378.36   |           |
| Administration Account for    |             |           |            |           |
| Old Age Assistance            | 361.70      | 273.36    | 88.34      |           |
| Received from U. S. Grant     |             |           |            |           |
| General Repairs               | 1,000.00    | 884.07    | 115.93     |           |
| Chapter 81                    |             |           |            |           |
| Transferred from Reserve Fund | \$82.03     |           |            |           |
| Town Appropriation            | 3,000.00    |           |            |           |
| State Allocation              | 4,500.00    |           |            |           |
|                               | \$7,582.03  | 7,582.03  |            |           |

# SUMMARY—Continued.

| Department                    | Resources  | Expended | Unexpended | Overdraft |
|-------------------------------|------------|----------|------------|-----------|
| Chapter 90 Maintenance        |            |          |            |           |
| Transferred from Reserve Fund |            |          |            |           |
| Town Appropriation            | \$1.00     |          |            |           |
| County Allocation             | 1,500.00   |          |            |           |
| State Allocation              | 1,500.00   |          |            |           |
|                               | <hr/>      |          |            |           |
|                               | \$4,501.00 | 4,501.00 |            |           |
|                               | \$1,500.00 | 1,232.91 | 267.09     |           |
|                               | 216.40     | 212.29   | 4.11       |           |
|                               | <hr/>      |          |            |           |
| Snow Removal                  | \$200.00   |          |            |           |
| Road Machinery Account        | 128.60     |          |            |           |
| Tree Warden                   |            |          |            |           |
| Transferred from Reserve Fund |            |          |            |           |
|                               | <hr/>      |          |            |           |
|                               | \$328.60   | 328.60   |            |           |
|                               | <hr/>      |          |            |           |
| Taft Public Library           | 525.00     | 524.66   | .34        |           |
| Town Hall                     | 1,300.00   | 1,293.41 | 6.59       |           |
| Forest Fires                  | 500.00     | 485.24   | 14.76      |           |
| Fire Department               | 700.00     | 661.74   | 38.26      |           |
| Insurance on Town Buildings   | 727.00     | 723.60   | 3.40       |           |
| Thayer Cemetery Fund          | 15.57      |          | 15.57      |           |



## SUMMARY—Continued.

| Department         | Resources          | Expended           | Unexpended        | Overdraft |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| Schools            | \$22,367.76        |                    |                   |           |
| Dog License Refund | 452.24             |                    |                   |           |
|                    | <u>\$22,820.00</u> | 22,184.82          | 635.18            |           |
| Town Water Survey  | 250.00             | 250.00             |                   |           |
|                    | <u>\$75,796.23</u> | <u>\$70,724.40</u> | <u>\$5,071.83</u> |           |
| Totals             | \$75,796.23        | \$70,724.40        | \$5,071.83        |           |

Respectfully submitted,

D. VICTOR SMITH,  
 ROY A. BARROWS,  
 SILAS H. DUDLEY,  
 Selectmen of Mendon.

## REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY SURVEYOR.

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TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
GENTLEMEN:

I submit the following annual report on the roads for the year just past.

The lifting of some restrictions on tar made it possible to apply more tar than during the previous year, and practically every road has had some applied.

Due to the labor shortage, we were unable to take care of the brush on most of the roadsides in the proper manner.

The Hartford Ave. West project is completed with the exception of guard rails which cannot be obtained for the duration of the war. On this same road a new drainage system of 150 feet of pipe was put in, replacing the old stone paved gutter.

It would be well at this time to explain how the Road Machinery Fund works, since many questions have been asked concerning the same. When town-owned equipment is used on Chapter 81 work, the State pays 60% of the charges to the town, which is credited to the Road Machinery Fund. When the town-owned machinery is used on Chapter 90 work, two-thirds of the charges are paid to the Fund by the State and County. In this manner, if the town owned a truck, based on last year's work, there would be approximately \$1,500.00 paid by the State and County for its use. Some towns have had trucks pay for themselves in this manner three or four times over in a period of five years. In fact, some towns have paid for the town barns out of the Road Machinery fund. It's just a case of who gets the profit, the town or the individual trucker.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR A. SABATINELLI,

Highway Surveyor.



## SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES.

|                              |            |                   |
|------------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Chapter 81 .....             | \$7,582 03 |                   |
| Chapter 90 .....             | 4,501 00   |                   |
| Snow Removal .....           | 1,232 91   |                   |
| General Repairs .....        | 884 07     |                   |
| Road Machinery Account ..... | 212 29     |                   |
| Total .....                  |            | <hr/> \$14,412 30 |

## CHAPTER 81.

|                                     |            |                  |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------------|
| Town Appropriation .....            | \$3,000 00 |                  |
| State Allotment .....               | 4,500 00   |                  |
|                                     |            | <hr/> \$7,500 00 |
| Transferred from Reserve Fund ..... |            | 82 03            |
|                                     |            | <hr/> \$7,582 03 |

## EXPENDITURES.

## PAY ROLLS.

|                 |            |                  |
|-----------------|------------|------------------|
| Labor .....     | \$2,311 10 |                  |
| Equipment ..... | 1,663 80   |                  |
|                 |            | <hr/> \$3,974 90 |

## MATERIALS.

|                                                     |          |                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------|------------------|
| H. A. Daniels Co., insurance .....                  | \$101 95 |                  |
| The Barrett Div., tarvia .....                      | 2,546 86 |                  |
| Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co., sand and<br>patch ..... | 952 32   |                  |
| E. L. Sabatinelli & Son, cement .....               | 6 00     |                  |
|                                                     |          | <hr/> \$3,607 13 |
| Total Expenditures .....                            |          | <hr/> \$7,582 03 |

## CHAPTER 90, MAINTENANCE.

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Town Appropriation ..... | \$1,500 00 |
| County Allotment .....   | 1,500 00   |

|                                     |          |            |
|-------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| State Allotment .....               | 1,500 00 |            |
|                                     | <hr/>    | \$4,500 00 |
| Transferred from Reserve Fund ..... |          | 1 00       |
|                                     |          | <hr/>      |
|                                     |          | \$4,501 00 |

## EXPENDITURES.

## PAY ROLLS.

|                 |            |            |
|-----------------|------------|------------|
| Labor .....     | \$1,443 30 |            |
| Equipment ..... | 1,447 25   |            |
|                 | <hr/>      | \$2,890 55 |

## MATERIALS.

|                                                      |          |            |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co., sand and<br>stone .....  | \$257 53 |            |
| H. A. Daniels Co., insurance .....                   | 123 76   |            |
| Corbett Concrete Pipe Co., pipe .....                | 184 00   |            |
| H. M. Curtiss Coal Co., cement .....                 | 4 97     |            |
| Barrett Div., tarvia .....                           | 878 19   |            |
| State Prison Colony .....                            | 92 50    |            |
| Guido Sabatinelli, dynamite and ex-<br>ploders ..... | 17 50    |            |
| Earl Gaskill, bank gravel .....                      | 40 00    |            |
| E. L. Sabatinelli, comp. bits .....                  | 12 00    |            |
|                                                      | <hr/>    | \$1,610 45 |
|                                                      |          | <hr/>      |
| Total Expended .....                                 |          | \$4,501 00 |

## SNOW REMOVAL.

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Appropriation ..... | \$1,500 00 |
|---------------------|------------|

## PAY ROLLS.

|                 |          |            |
|-----------------|----------|------------|
| Labor .....     | \$442 10 |            |
| Equipment ..... | 716 90   |            |
|                 | <hr/>    | \$1,159 00 |

## SUPPLIES.

|                                       |         |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Consolidated Steel, snow plow runners | \$64 16 |
| E. O. Rose & Son, repairs .....       | 1 25    |

|                                        |       |            |
|----------------------------------------|-------|------------|
| Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co., sand ..... | 8 50  |            |
|                                        | <hr/> | \$73 91    |
| Total Expended .....                   |       | \$1,232 91 |
| Unexpended Balance .....               |       | 267 09     |
|                                        |       | <hr/>      |
|                                        |       | \$1,500 00 |

## GENERAL REPAIRS.

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Appropriation ..... | \$1,000 00 |
|---------------------|------------|

## EXPENDITURES.

## PAY ROLLS.

|                 |          |          |
|-----------------|----------|----------|
| Labor .....     | \$366 80 |          |
| Equipment ..... | 109 80   |          |
|                 | <hr/>    | \$476 60 |

## MATERIALS.

|                                                            |        |          |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| E. O. Rose & Son, repair on V snow plow                    | \$5 50 |          |
| Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co., sand .....                     | 151 50 |          |
| Perkins Eaton Machinery Co., parts .....                   | 3 99   |          |
| Eddie's Service Station, gas and oil ....                  | 16 97  |          |
| L. N. Jaques & Sons, hardware .....                        | 24 89  |          |
| Eddie's Texaco Station, gas and oil .....                  | 7 89   |          |
| Fisk Alden Co., parts .....                                | 2 26   |          |
| William Barry .....                                        | 75     |          |
| Linwood Lumber Co., reinforcing steel                      | 15 65  |          |
| H. A. Daniels Co., insurance .....                         | 140 19 |          |
| Varney Bros., sand .....                                   | 12 25  |          |
| Milford Hardware Co., supplies .....                       | 5 98   |          |
| Socony Vacuum Co., anti-freeze .....                       | 4 65   |          |
| Guido Sabatinelli Construction Co.,<br>cement blocks ..... | 15 00  |          |
|                                                            | <hr/>  | \$407 47 |
| Total Expended .....                                       |        | \$884 07 |

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Unexpended Balance ..... | 115 93     |
|                          | <hr/>      |
|                          | \$1,000 00 |

## ROAD MACHINERY ACCOUNT.

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Appropriation ..... | \$216 40 |
|---------------------|----------|

## EXPENDITURES.

|                                                        |          |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Seaver's Express, Inc. ....                            | 62       |          |
| Main Street Garage, Mendon, repairs<br>on roller ..... | \$73 80  |          |
| Lakeside Garage, repairs on grader                     | 5 60     |          |
| Eddie's Service Station, gas and oil ....              | 74 75    |          |
| W. Munsell, labor .....                                | 11 20    |          |
| C. Woodfall, labor .....                               | 11 20    |          |
| Perkins Eaton Co., parts .....                         | 15 52    |          |
| Dyar Sales Co., snow plow paint .....                  | 14 00    |          |
| Costello's, hot shot battery .....                     | 2 19     |          |
| L. N. Jaques & Sons, hardware .....                    | 1 41     |          |
| Corbeille Bros., service station, gas .....            | 2 00     |          |
|                                                        | <hr/>    | \$212 29 |
| Total Expended .....                                   | \$212 29 |          |
| Unexpended Balance .....                               | 4 11     |          |
|                                                        | <hr/>    | \$216 40 |

## ROAD MACHINERY FUND.

## PAID TO TOWN TREASURER.

|                                                   |         |          |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| E. L. Sabatinelli & Son, use of grader            | \$25 00 |          |
| Clayton Parkinson, use of concrete<br>mixer ..... | 3 00    |          |
| Chapter 81, use of grader .....                   | 107 50  |          |
| Chapter 90, use of grader .....                   | 80 00   |          |
| Chapter 81, use of sand spreader .....            | 38 00   |          |
| Chapter 90, use of gas roller .....               | 10 00   |          |
|                                                   | <hr/>   | \$263 50 |

# SCHEDULE OF WAGES PAID EMPLOYEES OF ALL HIGHWAY WORK IN 1944.

| Name                 | Chapter 81 | Chapter 90<br>Maintenance | Snow<br>Removal | General<br>Repairs | TOTALS     |
|----------------------|------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------|
| A. Sabatinelli ..... | \$872.00   | \$487.00                  | \$188.00        | \$182.00           | \$1,729.00 |
| E. Bartlett .....    | 19.60      | 13.30                     |                 |                    | 32.90      |
| W. Butler, Jr. ....  |            |                           | 2.80            |                    | 2.80       |
| A. Cardasso .....    | 18.00      | 54.00                     |                 |                    | 72.00      |
| R. Fagan .....       |            | 65.10                     |                 |                    | 65.10      |
| R. Gaskill .....     | 2.80       |                           | 21.00           |                    | 23.80      |
| G. Hackinson .....   |            |                           | 2.80            |                    | 2.80       |
| W. Hutchinson .....  |            |                           | 10.50           |                    | 10.50      |
| W. Irons .....       |            | 128.80                    |                 |                    | 128.80     |
| J. Lamothe .....     |            |                           | 31.50           |                    | 31.50      |
| W. Munsell .....     | 522.90     | 267.40                    | 92.40           | 95.20              | 977.90     |
| S. Nuttall .....     | 181.30     | 61.60                     | 15.40           | 2.80               | 261.10     |
| L. Rasciot .....     | 89.60      |                           |                 |                    | 89.60      |
| G. Sabatinelli ..... |            | 21.00                     |                 |                    | 21.00      |
| W. Sherrick .....    |            |                           | 2.10            |                    | 2.10       |
| A. Tetreault .....   |            | 43.40                     | 5.60            |                    | 49.00      |
| N. Thebeault .....   | 528.60     | 296.10                    | 70.00           | 86.80              | 981.50     |
| C. Woodfall .....    | 76.30      | 5.60                      |                 |                    | 81.90      |
| TOTALS .....         | \$2,311.10 | \$1,443.30                | \$442.10        | \$366.80           | \$4,563.30 |

# SCHEDULE OF WAGES PAID EMPLOYEES—(Continued).

## RENTED EQUIPMENT—TRUCKS.

| Name                    | Chapter 81 | Chapter 90<br>Maintenance | Snow<br>Removal | General<br>Repairs | TOTALS   |
|-------------------------|------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------|
| D. K. Barnes .....      | \$520.60   | \$220.35                  | \$210.60        |                    | \$951.55 |
| R. Gaskill .....        |            |                           | 6.40            |                    | 6.40     |
| E. Goss .....           |            |                           | 8.00            |                    | 8.00     |
| L. Hazard .....         | 72.15      | 107.30                    | 7.40            |                    | 194.25   |
| C. Taft .....           | 373.00     | 193.25                    | 90.00           | 51.20              | 707.45   |
| L. Tetreault .....      | 499.15     | 279.35                    | 232.50          | 51.20              | 1,062.20 |
| E. L. Sabatinelli ..... |            |                           | 162.00          |                    | 162.00   |

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## ROLLER

|                                 |         |  |  |  |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|--|--|--|---------|
| Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co. .... | \$32.40 |  |  |  | \$32.40 |
|---------------------------------|---------|--|--|--|---------|

## COMPRESSOR WORK

|                         |         |          |  |  |          |
|-------------------------|---------|----------|--|--|----------|
| E. L. Sabatinelli ..... | \$21.00 | \$237.00 |  |  | \$258.00 |
|-------------------------|---------|----------|--|--|----------|

## POWER SHOVEL.

|                  |  |          |  |  |          |
|------------------|--|----------|--|--|----------|
| H. Porrier ..... |  | \$320.00 |  |  | \$320.00 |
|------------------|--|----------|--|--|----------|

# SCHEDULE OF WAGES PAID EMPLOYEES—(Continued).

## TOWN EQUIPMENT.

| Name              | Chapter 81 | Chapter 90<br>Maintenance | Snow<br>Removal | General<br>Repairs | TOTALS     |
|-------------------|------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------|
| Grader .....      | \$107.50   | \$80.00                   |                 |                    | 187.50     |
| Spreader .....    | 38.00      |                           |                 |                    | 38.00      |
| Town Roller ..... |            | 10.00                     |                 |                    | 10.00      |
| TOTALS .....      | \$1,663.80 | \$1,447.25                | \$716.90        | \$109.80           | \$3,937.75 |



## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

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### Resources:

|                                     |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Appropriation .....                 | \$800 00 |
| Transferred from Reserve Fund ..... | 34 38    |
|                                     | \$834 38 |

### Expended:

|                                                                   |          |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--|
| Worcester County Sanatorium, care of<br>one patient .....         | \$549 00 |  |
| Milford, Hopedale, Mendon District<br>Nursing Association .....   | 50 00    |  |
| K. A. Campbell, M. D., Diptheria<br>toxoid inoculation .....      | 50 00    |  |
| K. A. Campbell, M. D., giving Rabies<br>vaccine inoculation ..... | 16 00    |  |
| Hasting Drug Co., Rabie vaccine .....                             | 2 24     |  |
| Mass. Dept. of Public Health, permit<br>fee .....                 | 10 00    |  |
| Frank P. Phillips, Inspector of Slaugh-<br>tering .....           | 83 50    |  |
| The Charlescraft Press, printing cards                            | 3 04     |  |
| Alex Wolecks, town dump .....                                     | 50 00    |  |
| Hobbs & Warren, Inc. ....                                         | 60       |  |
| Pondville Hospital, care of one patient                           | 20 00    |  |
|                                                                   | \$834 38 |  |
| Proportionate share of above expense:                             |          |  |
| State of Massachusetts .....                                      | \$261 43 |  |
| Worcester County .....                                            | 18 24    |  |
| Mendon's Share .....                                              | 554 71   |  |
|                                                                   | \$834 38 |  |

Respectfully submitted,  
 SILAS H. DUDLEY, Chairman,  
 D. VICTOR SMITH,  
 ROY A. BARROWS,  
 Board of Health.

## REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN.

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|                                     |          |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation, .....                | \$200 00 |          |
| Transferred from Reserve Fund ..... | 128 60   |          |
|                                     | <hr/>    | \$328 60 |

### EXPENDED.

|                               |         |          |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------|
| William Nuttall, salary ..... | \$12 00 |          |
| Pay Rolls:                    |         |          |
| William Nuttall .....         | 116 00  |          |
| William Munsell .....         | 87 00   |          |
| Jack Armstrong .....          | 108 00  |          |
| Stanley Nuttall .....         | 5 60    |          |
|                               | <hr/>   | \$328 60 |

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM E. NUTTALL,  
Tree Warden.

REPORT OF SEALER OF  
WEIGHTS AND MEASURES  
FOR 1944.

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|                                      |       |        |
|--------------------------------------|-------|--------|
| Platform scales under 5000 lbs. .... | 2     | \$1 00 |
| Spring scales under 100 lbs. ....    | 2     | 20     |
| Computing scales under 100 lbs. .... | 1     | 10     |
| Counter scales under 100 lbs. ....   | 1     | 10     |
| Beam scales over 100 lbs. ....       | 1     | 50     |
| Gasoline pumps, meter system ....    | 3     | 1 50   |
| Kerosene pumps, hand system ....     | 1     | 50     |
|                                      | <hr/> | <hr/>  |
|                                      | 11    | \$3 90 |

I have collected \$3.90 for fees and have turned the amount over to the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER TAYLOR,

Sealer.

Mendon, December 30, 1944.

## REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WEIGHER.

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I have collected \$4.20 for twenty-one weighings and have turned the money over to the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD GASKILL,  
Public Weigher.

## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING.

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To the Honorable Board of Health:

The following animals have been slaughtered in my presence and inspected by me:

|                 | Calves | Cows | Pigs |
|-----------------|--------|------|------|
| January .....   |        |      |      |
| February .....  |        |      | 1    |
| March .....     |        |      |      |
| April .....     |        |      |      |
| May .....       |        |      |      |
| June .....      |        | 1    |      |
| July .....      | 2      | 2    |      |
| August .....    | 1      | 4    |      |
| September ..... | 1      | 6    |      |
| October .....   | 1      | 7    |      |
| November .....  | 1      | 5    | 13   |
| December .....  | 2      | 11   | 9    |
|                 | —      | —    | —    |
| Totals .....    | 8      | 36   | 23   |

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK R. PHILLIPS,

Inspector of Slaughtering.

## REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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|                                     |          |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation .....                 | \$700 00 |          |
| Transferred from Reserve Fund ..... | 42 56    |          |
|                                     | <hr/>    | \$742 56 |

### Expenditures:

|                                          |        |          |
|------------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Forbes Press, printing .....             | \$9 00 |          |
| Meals for prisoners .....                | 6 00   |          |
| Court fees .....                         | 32 50  |          |
| Toll calls .....                         | 65 31  |          |
| Police Duty, May 30 and June 1 .....     | 32 25  |          |
| Police Duty, July 3, 4, and 5 .....      | 43 70  |          |
| Police Duty, Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 .....    | 33 40  |          |
| Police Duty, patrolling the Center ..... | 76 00  |          |
| Investigating accidents .....            | 56 00  |          |
| Investigating complaints .....           | 258 81 |          |
| Police Duty on highways .....            | 103 00 |          |
| Postage .....                            | 59     |          |
| Stolen autos .....                       | 26 00  |          |
|                                          | <hr/>  | \$742 56 |

### During the year the following arrests were made:

|                                     |        |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Breaking and entering .....         | 15     |
| Drunkenness .....                   | 4      |
| Non-support .....                   | 9      |
| Assault and battery .....           | 3      |
| <br>Summons served .....            | <br>23 |
| Commitments to State Hospital ..... | 2      |
| Boys returned to Lyman School ..... | 4      |

|                                          |     |
|------------------------------------------|-----|
| Complaints and calls .....               | 347 |
| Investigations of dog cases .....        | 16  |
| Runaway children returned to homes ..... | 4   |
| Drowning case .....                      | 1   |
| Stolen autos returned .....              | 4   |

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD C. BARROWS,

Chief Police Dep't.



## ASSESSORS' REPORT.

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The Assessors' Recapitulation Sheet of Aggregates is given below:

### RECAPITULATION SHEET.

Town appropriations:

|                                               |             |                |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Annual Town Meeting, March,                   |             |                |
| 1944 .....                                    | \$58,336 61 |                |
| Debt and Interest .....                       | 2,450 00    |                |
| State Tax, 1944 .....                         | 2,904 00    |                |
| State Parks and Reservation Tax               | 56 19       |                |
| County Tax .....                              | 2,492 74    |                |
| Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment              | 1,615 31    |                |
| Overlay for 1944 .....                        | 1,466 58    |                |
|                                               | <hr/>       |                |
|                                               | \$69,464 69 | \$69,464 69    |
| Estimated Receipts .....                      | \$26,745 86 |                |
| Available Funds .....                         | 670 36      |                |
|                                               | <hr/>       |                |
|                                               | \$27,416 22 | \$27,416 22    |
|                                               |             |                |
| Net amount raised on polls and property ..... |             | \$42,048 47    |
| 457 Poll Taxes at \$2.00 .....                |             | 914 00         |
| Total Valuation .....                         |             | \$1,418,430 00 |
| Tax Rate .....                                | \$29 00     |                |
|                                               |             |                |
| Personal Property .....                       |             | \$147,480 00   |
| Real Estate .....                             |             | \$1,270,950 00 |

|                                                      |                |                |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Number of Assessments on Real Estate .....           | 552            |                |
| Number of Assessments on Personal Estate .....       | 89             |                |
|                                                      | <hr/>          |                |
|                                                      | 641            | 641            |
| Number of Male Polls assessed .....                  | 457            |                |
| Value of assessed stock-in-trade .....               | 6,100 00       |                |
| Value of assessed live stock .....                   | 69,630 00      |                |
| Value of assessed machinery .....                    | 70,750 00      |                |
| Value of all other assessed personal estate .....    | 1,000 00       |                |
|                                                      | <hr/>          |                |
| Value of assessed personal property .....            | \$147,480 00   | \$147,480 00   |
| Value of assessed buildings, excluding land .....    | 938,770 00     |                |
| Value of assessed land, excluding buildings .....    | 332,180 00     |                |
|                                                      | <hr/>          |                |
| Total value of real estate .....                     | \$1,270,950 00 | \$1,270,950 00 |
| Total value of assessed property .....               |                | \$1,418,430 00 |
| Tax on personal estate .....                         | \$4,276 92     |                |
| Tax on real estate .....                             | 36,857 55      |                |
| Tax on polls .....                                   | 914 00         |                |
|                                                      | <hr/>          |                |
|                                                      | \$42,048 47    | \$42,048 47    |
| Rate of tax per \$1,000 .....                        |                | \$29 00        |
| Number of horses assessed .....                      |                | 51             |
| Number of cows assessed .....                        |                | 588            |
| Number of neat cattle other than cows assessed ..... |                | 69             |
| Number of swine assessed .....                       |                | 45             |
| Number of dwelling houses assessed .....             |                | 444            |
| Number of acres of land assessed .....               |                | 10,762         |
| Number of fowl assessed .....                        |                | 6,414          |

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES COMMITTED  
TO COLLECTOR IN 1944.

|                                   |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Vehicles registered in 1944 ..... | \$1,848 10 |
|-----------------------------------|------------|

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES ABATED

|                          |         |         |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|
| 1943 Taxes in 1944 ..... | \$11 27 |         |
| 1944 Taxes .....         | 16 21   |         |
|                          | \$27 48 | \$27 48 |

OVERLAY ACCOUNT

1943.

|                                 |          |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Balance in 1943 Overlay Account | \$279 13 |          |
| 1943 Abatements in 1944 .....   | 28 41    |          |
|                                 | \$250 72 | \$250 72 |

OVERLAY ACCOUNT

1944.

|                       |            |          |
|-----------------------|------------|----------|
| 1944 Overlay .....    | \$1,466 58 |          |
| 1944 Abatements ..... | 827 22     |          |
|                       | \$639 36   | \$639 36 |

Respectfully submitted,

CARL M. TAFT,  
EDWARD T. WHITING,  
CHARLES F. LEONARD,

Mendon Board of Assessors.

## REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS.

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TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:—

Gentlemen:—

The Fire Department answered eleven alarms in 1944, as follows:

- 5 Building Fires.
- 3 Auto and Truck Fires.
- 2 Chimney Fires.
- 1 Rubbish Fire.

Total estimated damage, \$5,264.00.

A Phomaire nozzle and a Carbon-Dioxide extinguisher were purchased this year to combat airplane, auto, gasoline and all oil fires.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. LOWELL, Chief,  
EDWARD T. WHITING,  
NORRY J. DAIGE,

Fire Engineers.

## REPORT OF THE FOREST WARDEN.

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January 1, 1945.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:—

Gentlemen:—

This Department answered twenty (20) alarms in 1944, burning over approximately thirty (30) acres of brush and woodland and three (3) acres of grass.

Two fires came in from other Towns and one was caused by children and matches, but seventeen (17) were caused by carelessness.

LET'S NOT BE CARELESS IN 1945.

The Forest Fire Fighters Service (F.F.F.S.) were active again this year.

Please remember, "PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL OPEN AIR FIRES, UNLESS THE GROUND IS SUBSTANTIALLY COVERED WITH SNOW", and the F.F.F.S. are on the watch.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. LOWELL,

Forest Warden.

## TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE REPORT.

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Mendon, Mass.,  
January 1, 1945.

TO THE SELECMEN OF MENDON:—

Gentlemen:—

There were nineteen hundred (1900) Red pines and nine hundred (900) White pine seedlings set out at the Town forest. The committee wish to take this opportunity to thank all who gave their time and energy in the planting of these trees.

The well on the property was cleaned out which made drinking water available.

The Boy Scouts and other groups from Town enjoyed outings and weinie roasts at various times during the season. Fifty dollars for rent of land on which the Tower stands was received from the Department of Conservation.

The committee are working on plans to further the usefulness of the Forest and it is hoped that groups from Town will avail themselves the privileges of this site.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. LOWELL,  
CHARLES F. LEONARD,  
NORRY J. DAIGE,

Town Forest Committee.

## COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

1944.

## 1942 PROPERTY TAXES.

## DR.

|                                       |          |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Taxes outstanding, Jan. 1, 1944 ..... | \$300 79 |          |
| Interest .....                        | 3 15     |          |
|                                       | <hr/>    | \$303 94 |

## CR.

|                         |          |          |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid Treasurer .....    | \$291 14 |          |
| Tax taking credit ..... | 12 80    |          |
| Uncollected .....       | 00       |          |
|                         | <hr/>    | \$303 94 |

## 1943 POLL TAXES.

## DR.

|                                       |        |        |
|---------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Taxes outstanding, Jan. 1, 1944 ..... | \$4 00 |        |
| Interest .....                        | 30     |        |
| Demands .....                         | 70     |        |
|                                       | <hr/>  | \$5 00 |

## CR.

|                      |        |        |
|----------------------|--------|--------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$5 00 |        |
| Uncollected .....    | 00     |        |
|                      | <hr/>  | \$5 00 |

## 1943 EXCISE TAXES.

## DR.

|                                            |         |         |
|--------------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Total taxes outstanding, Jan. 1, 1944 .... | \$64 24 |         |
| Interest .....                             | 56      |         |
|                                            | <hr/>   | \$64 80 |

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CR.

|                      |         |         |
|----------------------|---------|---------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$56 44 |         |
| Abated .....         | 8 36    |         |
| Uncollected .....    | 00      |         |
|                      | <hr/>   | \$64 80 |

DR.

|                                          |         |         |
|------------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| 1943 taxes committed, Jan. 17, 1944 .... | \$28 91 |         |
| Interest .....                           | 20      |         |
|                                          | <hr/>   | \$29 11 |

CR.

|                      |         |         |
|----------------------|---------|---------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$26 20 |         |
| Abated .....         | 2 91    |         |
| Uncollected .....    | 00      |         |
|                      | <hr/>   | \$29 11 |

#### 1943 PROPERTY TAXES.

DR.

|                                       |            |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Taxes outstanding, Jan. 1, 1944 ..... | \$4,873 68 |            |
| Interest .....                        | 143 70     |            |
| Tax taking costs .....                | 5 50       |            |
|                                       | <hr/>      | \$5,022 88 |

CR.

|                         |            |            |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|
| Paid Treasurer .....    | \$4,982 47 |            |
| Tax taking credit ..... | 12 00      |            |
| Abated .....            | 28 41      |            |
| Uncollected .....       | 00         |            |
|                         | <hr/>      | \$5,022 88 |

#### 1944 POLL TAXES.

DR.

|                                                                                           |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Taxes committed, including omitted<br>assessments of March 31, and<br>July 26, 1944 ..... | \$928 00 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|



|                |       |          |
|----------------|-------|----------|
| Interest ..... | 54    |          |
| Demands .....  | 17 15 |          |
|                | <hr/> | \$945 69 |

## CR.

|                      |          |          |
|----------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$729 69 |          |
| Abated .....         | 216 00   |          |
|                      | <hr/>    | \$945 69 |

## 1944 EXCISE TAXES.

## DR.

|                                        |            |            |
|----------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| First commitment, April 25, 1944 ..... | \$1,237 18 |            |
| Interest .....                         | 95         |            |
|                                        | <hr/>      | \$1,238 13 |

## CR.

|                      |            |            |
|----------------------|------------|------------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$1,225 70 |            |
| Abated .....         | 8 84       |            |
| Uncollected .....    | 3 59       |            |
|                      | <hr/>      | \$1,238 13 |

## DR.

|                                        |          |          |
|----------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Second commitment, June 28, 1944 ..... | \$468 75 |          |
| Interest .....                         | 19       |          |
|                                        | <hr/>    | \$468 94 |

## CR.

|                      |          |          |
|----------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$459 62 |          |
| Uncollected .....    | 9 32     |          |
|                      | <hr/>    | \$468 94 |

## DR.

|                                        |         |         |
|----------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Third commitment, Sept. 12, 1944 ..... | \$70 11 |         |
| Interest .....                         | 01      |         |
|                                        | <hr/>   | \$70 12 |

65

CR.

|                      |         |         |
|----------------------|---------|---------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$70 12 |         |
| Uncollected .....    | 00      |         |
|                      | <hr/>   | \$70 12 |

DR.

|                                       |         |         |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Fourth commitment, Nov. 8, 1944 ..... | \$60 06 |         |
| Interest .....                        | 01      |         |
|                                       | <hr/>   | \$60 07 |

CR.

|                      |         |         |
|----------------------|---------|---------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$50 07 |         |
| Uncollected .....    | 10 00   |         |
|                      | <hr/>   | \$60 07 |

DR.

|                                      |         |         |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Fifth commitment, Dec. 9, 1944 ..... | \$12 00 |         |
|                                      | <hr/>   | \$12 00 |

CR.

|                      |        |         |
|----------------------|--------|---------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$2 00 |         |
| Uncollected .....    | 10 00  |         |
|                      | <hr/>  | \$12 00 |

#### 1944 PROPERTY TAXES.

DR.

|                                      |             |             |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total Personal and Real estate taxes |             |             |
| committed .....                      | \$41,197 69 |             |
| Special Warrant to estate .....      | 155 58      |             |
| Interest .....                       | 16 84       |             |
|                                      | <hr/>       | \$41,370 11 |

CR.

|                      |             |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$36,719 20 |
| Abated .....         | 573 52      |

|                                   |          |             |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Subsequent tax title credit ..... | 94 25    |             |
| Uncollected .....                 | 3,983 14 |             |
|                                   | <hr/>    | \$41,370 11 |
| Total tax refunds for 1944 .....  | \$45 07  |             |

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR P. DALTON,

Collector of Taxes.

January 1, 1945.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE.

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### TEMPORARY AID.

#### RESOURCES.

|                          |            |            |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| Town Appropriation ..... |            | \$3,000 00 |
| Expended .....           | \$1,870 09 |            |
| Unexpended .....         | 1,129 91   |            |
|                          | <hr/>      | \$3,000 00 |

### DETAILED EXPENDITURES.

#### MENDON SETTLED CASES.

|                              |          |          |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|
| One person in own home ..... | \$239 03 |          |
| One person in own home ..... | 87 35    |          |
| One family in own home ..... | 80 00    |          |
| One family in own home ..... | 22 50    |          |
|                              | <hr/>    | \$428 88 |

#### CASE WITH SETTLEMENT IN QUESTION.

|                              |          |          |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|
| One family in own home ..... | \$467 00 |          |
|                              | <hr/>    | \$467 00 |

#### CASES WITH NO SETTLEMENT, CHARGEABLE TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF WELFARE.

|                              |          |          |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|
| One person in own home ..... | \$198 48 |          |
| One person in own home ..... | 18 00    |          |
| One family in own home ..... | 750 23   |          |
|                              | <hr/>    | \$966 71 |

## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

|                                         |        |        |
|-----------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Boston Council of Social Agency, Social |        |        |
| Index .....                             | \$5 50 |        |
| Mass. Welfare Agents' Association,      |        |        |
| dues .....                              | 2 00   |        |
|                                         | <hr/>  | \$7 50 |

## PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF ABOVE EXPENSES.

|                              |          |            |
|------------------------------|----------|------------|
| State of Massachusetts ..... | \$966 71 |            |
| Mendon's share .....         | 903 38   |            |
|                              | <hr/>    | \$1,870 09 |

Respectfully submitted,

SILAS H. DUDLEY, Chairman,  
 ROY A. BARROWS,  
 D. VICTOR SMITH,

Board of Public Welfare.

# REPORT OF AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN.

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|                          |            |            |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| Town Appropriation ..... | \$1,000 00 |            |
| Federal Grant .....      | 150 00     |            |
|                          | <hr/>      | \$1,150 00 |

## Expended:

|                  |          |          |
|------------------|----------|----------|
| Direct Aid ..... | \$376 00 |          |
| Unexpended ..... | <hr/>    | \$774 00 |

## DISTRIBUTION OF ABOVE AMOUNTS.

|                          |          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| Federal Government ..... | \$188 00 |          |
| State .....              | 125 33   |          |
| Town share .....         | 62 67    |          |
|                          | <hr/>    | \$376 00 |

## AIDED TWO CASES IN 1944.

|                                                            |         |          |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Amounts due Town, State for November<br>and December ..... | \$42 00 |          |
| Federal Government for November<br>and December .....      | 63 00   |          |
|                                                            | <hr/>   | \$105 00 |

## ADMINISTRATION.

|                               |        |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|
| January 1, cash on hand ..... | \$5 64 |        |
| Expended .....                | 00     |        |
| Unexpended .....              | <hr/>  | \$5 64 |

Respectfully submitted,

ROY A. BARROWS,

Agent.

## REPORT OF THE BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE.

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### Resources:

|                                   |             |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Appropriation by Town .....       | \$10,500 00 |             |
| Received from Federal Grant ..... | 7,994 80    |             |
| Total Resources .....             |             | \$18,494 80 |

|                    |             |             |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Expenditures ..... | \$17,116 44 |             |
| Unexpended .....   | 1,378 36    |             |
|                    |             | \$18,494 80 |

### Administration Federal Grant:

|                                   |          |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Received from Federal Grant ..... |          | \$361 70 |
| Expended .....                    | \$273 36 |          |
| Unexpended .....                  | 88 34    |          |
|                                   |          | \$361 70 |

January 1, 1944 we were aiding 41 persons. December 31, 1944 there were 34 on our list.

Money received from State from July,  
1943 to August, 1944, inclusive .... \$6,669 46

### Due Town on Old Age Assistance Accounts:

|                                                                     |            |            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| State of Massachusetts from September<br>to December 31, 1944 ..... | \$1,650 04 |            |
| Federal Government, November and<br>December, 1944 .....            | 1,225 60   |            |
| Town of Holliston .....                                             | 10 00      |            |
| Total Due Town .....                                                |            | \$2,885 64 |

## Distributions of Expenditures:

|                              |            |             |
|------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Federal Government .....     | \$7,816 08 |             |
| State of Massachusetts ..... | 6,200 24   |             |
| Town of Mendon .....         | 3,100 12   |             |
|                              | <hr/>      | \$17,116 44 |

## Amounts Due Town of Mendon:

|                                                                 |            |            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Federal Government for November<br>and December, 1944 .....     | \$1,225 60 |            |
| State of Massachusetts, September to<br>December 31, 1944 ..... | 1,651 04   |            |
| Town of Holliston .....                                         | 10 00      |            |
|                                                                 | <hr/>      | \$2,886 64 |

Respectfully submitted,

ROY A. BARROWS,

Agent.



REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Appropriation ..... | \$525 00 |
|---------------------|----------|

Expenditures:

|                                        |         |          |
|----------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| William Bowen, wood .....              | \$16 50 |          |
| Worcester Sub. Electric Co. ....       | 15 12   |          |
| Verena R. Daley, Librarian .....       | 225 00  |          |
| Personal Book Shop, Inc., books .....  | 64 61   |          |
| Barney Coal Co., fuel .....            | 30 78   |          |
| Gaylord Bros., Inc. ....               | 13 80   |          |
| A. N. Marquis Co., Who's Who .....     | 17 50   |          |
| Tomlinson of High Point .....          | 5 00    |          |
| Nancy Dudley, janitor .....            | 39 00   |          |
| Raymond Daley, janitor .....           | 13 00   |          |
| M. M. Goodnow, repairs to heater ..... | 9 63    |          |
| American Library Association, dues ... | 3 00    |          |
| H. W. Wilson Co., books .....          | 7 75    |          |
| R. B. Dalrymple, care of lawn .....    | 3 72    |          |
| Nina M. Burr, magazines .....          | 55 25   |          |
| Uxbridge Printing Co., printing .....  | 5 00    |          |
|                                        |         | \$524 66 |
| Balance .....                          |         | 34       |

FLETCHER FUND.

|                                 |            |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Balance .....                   | \$5,247 99 |            |
| Personal Book Shop, books ..... | 120 49     |            |
|                                 |            |            |
| Balance .....                   |            | \$5,127 50 |

Respectfully submitted,  
EDWARD T. WHITING,  
Finance Committee.

SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF THE TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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The Trustees of the Taft Public Library present the report of the Librarian and financial report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1944.

We accepted with sincere regret the resignation of Mrs. Nancy Dudley as janitor as of October 1st. Raymond Daley accepted the janitorship until a new janitor is appointed. The Trustees feel it necessary to raise the salary to \$100.00

The Hopedal Bancroft Memorial Library gave several books which will be of great value to our Library.

The Library steps are in bad repair and we are asking for an appropriation to have new brick steps installed this year.

Respectfully submitted,

D. VICTOR SMITH,  
GEORGE F. LEE,  
PERCY ROWE,  
MRS. LENA W. GEORGE,  
EDWARD T. WHITING, Secretary,  
Library Trustees.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

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TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY:—

The circulation for the year (100 days) was 9,951 volumes. The largest given out in one day was 157, the smallest 52, the average 99. The circulation by classes was as follows: Fiction, 6,808; Magazines, 2,462; Biography, 166; Travel, 95; History, 226; Literature, 42; Useful and Fine Arts, 75; Science, 29; All others, 48.

There are 9,665 volumes in the Library. 198 were added this year. 41 were bought by the town, 78 with the Fletcher Fund, and 79 were gifts.

The library subscribes to the American Magazine, American Home, Atlantic Monthly, Better Homes and Gardens, Boys' Life, Child's Life, Country Gentlemen, Colliers', Good Housekeeping, Instructor, Ladies' Home Journal, Life, McCalls', Red Book, Saturday Evening Post, and Woman's Home Companion.

\$18.71 was received in fines during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

VERENA R. DALEY,

Librarian.

January 1, 1945.

TOWN WATER SURVEY  
AND  
REPORT OF  
POST-WAR PLANNING COMMITTEE.

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Mendon, Mass.

Dear Sirs:

I am sending you herewith report on public water supply system, which I hope you will find in form and substance adequate for your immediate purposes.

I believe the estimated construction and operating costs are safe. The cost of the system per person served is comparatively high, because of the present prices of material and labor, and also because of the necessary length of main per person served. On the other hand, the present interest rate is very low, and the annual fixed charges are no greater than they would have been twenty years ago on a system costing one-half as much but paying 4 per cent interest, as would have been the case at that time.

I have refrained from any remarks about the obvious need of a water supply in Mendon—from the standpoint of health, convenience, fire protection, resulting reduction in insurance rates, increased attractiveness as a residential area, etc.

As you must realize, the source of supply cannot be finally determined without an investigation of subsurface conditions by exploratory wells and pump tests, and if you should

decide to proceed further with the project, the next step is this definite investigation of supply conditions.

Yours very truly,

F. A. BARBOUR.

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July 6, 1944.

Silas H. Dudley

Roy A. Barrows

D. Victor Smith

Board of Selectmen

Mendon, Massachusetts

Dear Sirs:

The following report presents the results of a preliminary investigation made to determine the economic feasibility of a public water supply in Mendon. The answer obviously depends on the cost, and this in turn on the population to be served, the necessary yield and location of a suitable supply, and the capacity and length of the distribution system required to provide reasonable fire service.

The population of Mendon by the 1940 census was 1315, of which approximately 550 people are located in the area served by the pipe system to be hereinafter suggested for first construction. The total assessed valuation in 1943 was \$1,393,480, of which \$1,265,370 was on real estate, and of this latter figure \$933,190 was levied on buildings. Of the total valuation approximately \$550,000, or 40 per cent, was on property located within the area to be served by the suggested first construction program.

Obviously water service in all streets and roads—the total length of which approximates 40 miles—is not economically possible. Compared with this total length, the length of piping suggested for first installation is about 6.25 miles, by which 130 premises will be served.

Under the General Statutes (Chapters 40 and 44, with various amendments), a town may construct a water system. Total expenditure may be authorized by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote up to 10 per cent of the last previous valuation. Bonds must be retired in a period not longer than thirty years.

By a Special Act of legislature, a Water District—with geographical limits carefully defined—may be created. A copy of a typical Water District act is hereto appended.

Whether constructed by the town or by a district, provision must be made to meet annual bond retirements, interest and operating expenses—with such part of the necessary annual outlay, as is not obtained through the water rates from consumers, raised through the general tax levy.

Construction as a town system is preferable to the formation of a district because of the complications resulting from later inevitable progressive extensions, but where population and property values are concentrated in a relatively small part of the town, it sometimes becomes necessary to form a water district. In such case a tax is superimposed on the property within the district to meet such part of the annual cost as is not obtainable from the consumers. What revenue can be obtained from the consumers will depend upon the value they set on a supply of good water under pressure.

The limits of the first construction program, or of a district, is a matter for local determination and of obtainable agreements to take water at some estimated price—if the system is constructed. For the purpose of this report it is suggested—as shown in red on the map hereto appended—that first construction should be limited to the following streets:

|                                       | Size | Ft.  |
|---------------------------------------|------|------|
| 1. Milford Road                       |      |      |
| Pumping station to North Avenue ..... | 6''  | 2500 |
| 2. North Avenue                       |      |      |
| Milford Road to storage tank .....    | 8''  | 6000 |



|     |                                                                             |    |      |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|------|
| 3.  | North Avenue<br>Northward from storage tank .....                           | 6" | 1300 |
| 4.  | Main Street and Providence Street<br>Milford Road to Gaskill Street .....   | 8" | 4000 |
| 5.  | Hastings Street and Maple Street,<br>North Avenue to Millville Street ..... | 6" | 2300 |
| 6.  | Elm Street<br>Hastings Street to Maple Street .....                         | 4" | 800  |
| 7.  | Washington Street<br>Hastings Street to near el. power line ....            | 8" | 2400 |
| 8.  | Emerson Street<br>Hastings Street to Blackstone Street .....                | 6" | 1800 |
| 9.  | George Street<br>Main Street to Neckhill Road .....                         | 6" | 3200 |
| 10. | Blackstone Street<br>Main Street to Emerson Street .....                    | 8" | 1000 |
|     | Blackstone Street<br>Emerson Street to brook (Tetreault's) ....             | 6" | 2500 |
| 11. | Providence Street<br>Gaskill Street to Hartford Avenue E. ....              | 6" | 3800 |
| 12. | Maple Street<br>Main Street to Emerson Street .....                         | 8" | 1500 |

The cost of the above-listed pipe system, based on present-day prices and including sixty (60) hydrants, the necessary gates, and replacement of street surfaces, is estimated as follows:

|                      |             |             |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 8"—14,900 feet ..... | \$37,250 00 |             |
| 6"—17,400 feet ..... | 38,600 00   |             |
| 4"— 800 feet .....   | 1,350 00    |             |
|                      | <hr/>       | \$77,200 00 |
| Hydrants .....       |             | 4,800 00    |
| Gate valves .....    |             | 1,250 00    |
|                      |             | <hr/>       |
|                      |             | \$83,250 00 |

The size of pipe has been determined by an assumed fire service of 500 gallons per minute for five (5) hours—with an available hydrant pressure at the end of this period of 50-75 pounds per square inch in the more closely built up center of the town and not less than 30 pounds at the extreme ends of the pipe system—this draft and pressure being made possible by a storage tank of 150,000 gallons (H. W. el. 615, L.W. el. 585), located as shown on map, near the high point on North Avenue. The estimated cost of the storage tank is \$15,000.

It is anticipated from surface indications that an acceptable supply of ground water can be obtained from a well located adjacent to Muddy Brook off the Milford road, as indicated on map. The watershed tributary to this point has an area of 1 3/4 square miles, or more than ample to provide the required supply which—assuming future service to 1,000 people at 50 gallons per person per day—would total only 50,000 gallons per day.

No subsurface exploratory work has been done, but if a reasonably pervious sand or gravel can be found at the point above named, a supply capable of yielding 100-150 gallons per minute can be developed by a 50 ft. gravel packed well of the type recently installed in Uxbridge. Pumping equipment will consist of an 8-inch deep well turbine unit, driven through vertical shaft by a 15 Horse Power motor, housed in a small fireproof building. The cost of the well, together with pumping equipment and house, is estimated at \$8,000.

The total estimated cost of the system as above outlined is therefore—

|                                                |              |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Supply-well, pumping equipment and house ..... | \$8,000 00   |
| Pipe system .....                              | 83,000 00    |
| Storage tank .....                             | 15,000 00    |
|                                                | <hr/>        |
|                                                | \$106,000 00 |



|                                                                                     |                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Add 10 per cent for future exploratory work,<br>engineering and contingencies ..... | 10,600 00           |
| Total .....                                                                         | <u>\$116,600 00</u> |

This total does not include the cost of house services, part of which—that from the main to the curb stop at the street line—is generally provided as part of the public system. Assuming 130 services with average length to curb stop of 20 feet, the cost of this work will approximate \$4,500.

The total estimated cost of a supply of from 100-150 gallons per minute, a distribution system of 33,000 feet, (6.25 Miles), a storage tank of 150,000 gallons volume, and 130 services laid to the street line may therefore—at present prices—be taken at the round figure of \$120,000. A lesser expenditure—except as it may result from a lower future price basis—is not possible for a system covering the same area, if reasonably adequate fire protection is to be provided. Obviously, it is impossible under present-day conditions to forecast with any accuracy what the post-war price basis will be within any particular future period of time. A 10 per cent lesser cost than that estimated is possible in the not-distant future. On the other hand the necessary interest rate may be higher.

The annual operating cost will depend in considerable degree on what arrangement can be made for supervision of the system by the superintendent of streets, or other existing town official, by allowance of some small increase in salary. The pumping plant, except for daily inspection and lubrication, will be practically automatic. Assuming that 40,000 gallons are pumped daily against an average head of 325 feet, the cost of power and minor supplies will approximate \$900 per year. The total annual operating cost should therefore not exceed \$1600.

Based on a construction cost of \$120,000 and thirty-year, 2 per cent bonds, the annual retirement charge will be

\$4,000, and the interest will reduce from \$2,400 in the first year by \$80 each year. The total annual cost, including operating expenses—starting from \$8,000 in the first year—will therefore average \$6,800 during the thirty-year bond period. This brief general summary of costs obviously does not take into account possible extension of the system at the demand of property outside the area first served, nor does it allow for the comparatively minor item of interest during the construction period before income is available.

As compared with the foregoing estimate of expenses, a revenue of \$4,000-\$4,500 will be available, if 130 takers can be found who are willing to pay a minimum charge of \$30 per year, and 30 cents per 1000 gallons for all water metered to large consumers in excess of 25,000 gallons in any quarter of the year. Assuming a revenue of \$4,000, the average necessary addition to the general tax rate—if the system were to be constructed as a town project—will approximate \$2.00 per \$1,000 during the thirty-year bond period—starting with an increase of \$2.90 per \$1,000 in the first year and gradually reducing as the bonds are paid off. If the system were to be sponsored by the district served by the first construction program, the tax necessarily superimposed on property within the district will average about \$5.00 per \$1,000 during the thirty-year period—starting with a supertax of about \$7.00 in the first year.

If in the probable post-war program of public works construction one-half of the first cost can be obtained from the Federal Government, the average fixed charges above estimated will be reduced by \$2,600 during the thirty-year period and those of the first year \$3,200—thus lowering the necessary average increase in the general tax levy during the thirty-year period, if the town undertakes the construction of the system—to approximately \$0.15 per \$1000, and the increase in the first year to approximately \$0.60 per \$1000. Likewise a contribution of one-half of the cost by the Federal Government will reduce the tax necessarily superimposed on

property within the district as formed, to a thirty-year average of \$0.35 per \$1000 and to \$1.45 per \$1000 in the first year.

It is to be noted that the above charges of \$30 annual minimum, and \$0.30 per 1,000 gallons, have been used to indicate simply the reciprocal relation between income from the consumers and the necessary increase in tax levy. A rate schedule more equitably measuring relative benefits from water service is doubtless possible.

In reference to operating costs, it is not improbable that by providing more tank storage and arranging with the power company to pump only during off-peak hours, some saving can be made in the annual cost estimated.

The foregoing analysis should provide you with the information necessary for local determination of the financial possibility of a public water system—whether without or with Federal assistance.

Obviously, the answer depends on the magnitude of the existing desire for pure water in ample quantity and pressure for all domestic and commercial uses and for good fire protection.

F. A. BARBOUR.

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The Post-War Planning Committee recommends that the town seek a Federal grant of fifty per cent, and extend the system to cover the Mendon Hill section, either by buying water from Milford Water Co. or from our own central system; and that a separate system be built connecting with the Bellingham water system at Hartford Ave. East and at the town line on the state highway 140, to supply water and fire protection to East Mendon. The town would buy the water from Bellingham wholesale and sell to consumers. In fact, with a Federal grant, the water system at the outset could be extended from the junction of Uxbridge Road and Millville Street along Uxbridge Road to Thornton Street; down

Hartford Ave. West to the recent road construction; from Uxbridge Road along Taft Avenue to Millville Street; and Millville Street from the junction with Uxbridge Road to Hogarth's house, without increasing the amount necessary to be raised by taxation, as long as the average number of takers per mile amounts to fifteen.

It is pointed out that with this system in operation, the insurance rates would drop between 50% to 60% on homes within the system from what they are now. The Committee also feels that taxpayers outside this system should not have to pay for it in taxes, and recommends that valuation increase for properties adjacent to the system is the only fair way to raise the necessary funds beyond the revenue from consumers. For instance, with a Federal grant of fifty per cent, which has been indicated as probable for post-war years, a property owner would actually pay less for insurance and taxes together with the water system, than without it,—assuming he has insurance equal to assessed value.

Following is an example of what it would cost the average home owner for water, as compared to his present costs without water, averaging over the thirty-year bonding period:

Without water system:

|                                                   |                 |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Assessed value \$4,000. @ \$30.00 per 1,000 ..... | \$120 00        |
| Insured for \$4,000. @ \$5.00 per 1,000 .....     | 20 00           |
| Total .....                                       | <u>\$140 00</u> |

With water system under Federal grant:

|                                                        |                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Assessed value (plus 5%) \$4,200 @ \$30 per 1,000 .... | \$126 00        |
| Insured for \$4,000 @ \$2.23 per 1,000 .....           | 8 92            |
| Total tax and insurance .....                          | <u>\$134 92</u> |
| Water rate .....                                       | 30 00           |
|                                                        | <u>\$164 92</u> |

|                                   |       |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Net cost of water per year .....  | 24 92 |
| Net cost of water per month ..... | 2 08  |

With water system wholly a town project, but costs apportioned to those on the system, as recommended by the Committee:

|                                                     |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Assessed value (plus 12½%) \$4,500 @ \$30 per 1,000 | \$135 00 |
| Insured for \$4,000 as above .....                  | 8 92     |
|                                                     | <hr/>    |
|                                                     | \$143 92 |
| Water rate .....                                    | 30 00    |
|                                                     | <hr/>    |
| Total taxes, insurance and water .....              | \$173 92 |
| Net cost of water per year .....                    | 33 92    |
| Net cost of water per month .....                   | 2 83     |

Then, too, the Town itself would save about \$375. per year on insurance, and there would be a greater desire on the part of home builders to build in Mendon, with a water system, which, in turn, would, in all probability, wipe out any tax deficit from the cost of the system.

In order to be in a position to obtain a Federal grant, when and if it is available, the source of water must first be located through test wells, and plans drawn up, with full specifications. The cost of locating water cannot be predetermined. Mr. Barbour has estimated cost of locating wells and complete plans and specifications at a figure between \$2,500 and \$5,000. The Post-War Planning Committee recommends that an article be placed in the Town Warrant next March so that Mendon will be ready to proceed quickly when Federal grants are available.

The Committee also feels that a \$20.00 minimum charge for water would be advisable. While the cost to a consumer would be only slightly reduced, due to the fact that valuation



would necessarily have to be higher to compensate for the loss in revenue, nevertheless, in this manner, property owners who do not tie in with the system would pay towards the cost of the system an amount that is commensurate with the advantages of a lower insurance rate, the knowledge that there would be a greater chance of preventing his home from being destroyed by fire, and that the actual value of his property would be greater. However, it would be for the future water commissioners to decide the water rates, when the system is operating.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

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TO THE CITIZENS OF MENDON:

Pursuant to Chapter 41, Section 50, of the General Laws, I have examined and checked the accounts of the various Town Officers receiving and disbursing municipal funds for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1944, and find their accounts correctly cast with vouchers carefully filed.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM A. BARRY,

Auditor.

Mendon, January 23, 1945.



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS AND TAXATION

Division of Accounts

State House, Boston

October 25, 1944.

To the Board of Selectmen

Mr. D. Victor Smith, Chairman

Mendon, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Mendon for the period from July 27, 1941 to May 31, 1944, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,

Director of Accounts.

TNW:MMH

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Mr. Theodore N. Waddell

Director of Accounts

Department of Corporations and Taxation

State House, Boston

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Mendon for the period from July 27, 1941, the date of the previous audit, to May 31, 1944, the following report being submitted thereon:

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection, were examined and checked, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report,

was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on May 31, 1944.

The balance sheet shows several small overdrafts of appropriations, in which connection attention is called to Section 31, Chapter 44, General Laws, which prohibits the incurrence of liabilities in excess of the appropriations voted by the town.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were analyzed and checked to the records of the several departments collecting money for the town and with other sources from which money is paid into the town treasury, while the payments were checked with the orders of the selectmen authorizing the disbursement of town funds.

The treasurer's cash book was footed, and the cash balance on May 31, 1944, was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit, by inspection of a savings bank book, and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The payments on account of maturing debt and interest were compared with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities on file.

The savings bank books representing the investment of the trust funds in custody of the treasurer were examined, the income being proved and the withdrawals verified.

The tax title deeds held by the town were checked and listed, and the subsequent taxes added to the tax title account were proved.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The tax accounts outstanding at the time of the previous examination and all subsequent commitments were audited and reconciled with the assessors' warrants for their collection. The recorded collections were compared with the payments to the treasurer, the abatements were checked with the records of abatements granted by the assessors, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

Verification of the outstanding accounts was made by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the outstanding accounts, as listed, are correct.

The town clerk's records of dog licenses issued on behalf of the county, and of sporting licenses, the proceeds of which are paid to the State, were checked, and the payments to the town and to the Division of Fisheries and Game were verified.

It is recommended that the town clerk promptly record all votes passed at town meetings, for it was noted that no record had been made by the town clerk of the proceedings of the 1944 town meeting.

The surety bonds of the officials required by law to furnish them were examined and found to be in proper form.

In addition to the departments mentioned, the books and accounts of the selectmen and of the sealer of weights and measures, as well as of the health, public welfare, and library departments, were examined and checked, the payments to the treasurer being verified.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's and tax collector's cash, summaries of the tax and departmental accounts, together with tables showing the transactions and condition of the trust funds.

During the audit cooperation was extended by all town officials for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,

Assistant Director of Accounts.

HBD:MMH

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Tables referred to in the foregoing letter may be seen at the Record Room.

TOWN OF MENDON  
BALANCE SHEET, MAY 31, 1944  
GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

|                                |             |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Cash .....                     |             | \$7,842 13  |
| Accounts Receivable:           |             |             |
| Taxes:                         |             |             |
| Levy of 1943 .....             | \$3,209 81  |             |
| Levy of 1944, (Poll) .....     | 228 00      |             |
|                                | <hr/>       | \$3,437 81  |
| Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:    |             |             |
| Levy of 1943 .....             | 10 36       |             |
| Levy of 1944 .....             | 352 15      |             |
|                                | <hr/>       | \$362 51    |
| Tax Titles .....               |             | 901 22      |
| Departmental:                  |             |             |
| Temporary Aid .....            |             | 516 98      |
| Aid to Highways:               |             |             |
| State:                         |             |             |
| Chapter 81 .....               | \$4,500 00  |             |
| Chapter 90, Maintenance .....  | 1,500 00    |             |
| County:                        |             |             |
| Chapter 90, Construction ..... | 212 63      |             |
| Chapter 90, Maintenance .....  | 1,500 00    |             |
|                                | <hr/>       | \$7,712 63  |
| Revenue 1944 .....             | \$59,283 28 |             |
| Deduct: Poll Taxes             |             |             |
| Committed .....                | \$926 00    |             |
| Estimated Receipts             |             |             |
| Collected .....                | 13,653 05   |             |
|                                | <hr/>       | \$14,579 05 |
|                                | <hr/>       | \$44,704 23 |
| Underestimate—County Tax, 1943 |             | 143 26      |

## Overlay Deficits:

|                    |        |             |
|--------------------|--------|-------------|
| Levy of 1940 ..... | \$3 35 |             |
| Levy of 1941 ..... | 37 22  |             |
|                    |        | <hr/> 40 57 |

## Overdrawn Accounts:

|                           |         |                   |
|---------------------------|---------|-------------------|
| Incidentals 1942 .....    | \$10 00 |                   |
| Incidentals 1943 .....    | 20 79   |                   |
| Highways— Chapter 90,     |         |                   |
| Construction 1940 .....   | 21 72   |                   |
| Highways—Chapter 90,      |         |                   |
| Construction 1941 .....   | 59 10   |                   |
| Highway Special Millville |         |                   |
| Road 1941 .....           | 212 63  |                   |
| Highway— Chapter 90       |         |                   |
| Maintenance 1941 .....    | 9 29    |                   |
| Interest—Debt 1941 .....  | 201 40  |                   |
| Interest—Debt 1942 .....  | 185 91  |                   |
| Interest—Debt 1944 .....  | 225 00  |                   |
|                           |         | <hr/> \$945 84    |
|                           |         | <hr/> \$66,607 18 |

## LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

|                                   |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Federal Withholding Taxes .....   | \$272 85 |
| Overpayment to Treasurer:         |          |
| Taxes 1941 .....                  | 3 32     |
| Town Clerk— Dog Licenses .....    | 10 70    |
| Library Gift .....                | 100 00   |
| Thayer Cemetery Fund Income ..... | 13 58    |
| Post-War Rehabilitation Fund In-  |          |
| come .....                        | 12 50    |
| Sale of Real Estate Fund .....    | 700 00   |
| Road Machinery Fund .....         | 30 00    |
| Overestimate—State Parks and      |          |
| Reservations Assessment 1943      | 1 72     |
| Federal Grants:                   |          |
| Old Age Assistance:               |          |
| Assistance .....                  | \$677 60 |
| Administration .....              | 71 73    |

|                                    |          |             |
|------------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Aid to Dependent Children:         |          |             |
| Aid .....                          | 62 50    |             |
| Administration .....               | 67 62    |             |
|                                    | <hr/>    | \$879 45    |
| Appropriation Balances .....       |          | \$35,394 54 |
| Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus ..... |          | 146 82      |
| Overlays Reserved for Abatements:  |          |             |
| Levy of 1943 .....                 |          | 279 13      |
| Revenue Reserved Until Collected:  |          |             |
| Motor Vehicle Excise Tax .....     | \$362 51 |             |
| Tax Title .....                    | 901 22   |             |
| Departmental .....                 | 516 98   |             |
| Aid to Highways .....              | 7,712 63 |             |
|                                    | <hr/>    | \$9,493 34  |
| Surplus Revenue .....              |          | 19,269 23   |
|                                    |          | <hr/>       |
|                                    |          | \$66,607 18 |

## DEBT ACCOUNTS

|                                |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Net Funded or Fixed Debt ..... | \$20,000 00 |
| School Addition Loan .....     | 20,000 00   |

## TRUST ACCOUNTS

|                                          |            |
|------------------------------------------|------------|
| Trust and Investment Funds,              |            |
| Cash and Securities .....                | \$9,256 98 |
|                                          | <hr/>      |
|                                          | \$9,256 98 |
| Austin Wood Relief Fund .....            |            |
|                                          | \$1,402 43 |
| Nathan R. George, Jr., Relief Fund ..... | 1,626 89   |
| Austin B. Fletcher Library Fund .....    | 5,144 59   |
| Anna Ellis Library Fund .....            | 507 52     |
| Honor Roll Fund .....                    | 175 55     |
| Post-War Rehabilitation Fund .....       | 1,000 00   |
|                                          | <hr/>      |
|                                          | \$9,256 98 |



# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

OF THE

## TOWN OF MENDON

## MASSACHUSETTS

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1944



# SCHOOL DIRECTORY, 1944—1945.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

|                                    |                   |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| George F. Lee, Chairman .....      | Term Expires 1946 |
| Leonard M. Rogers, Secretary ..... | Term expires 1947 |
| Silas H. Dudley .....              | Term Expires 1945 |

Regular meetings held at the Center School building on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30 P. M.

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS—PERCY L. ROWE.

The Superintendent may be met every Tuesday and Wednesday at the Mendon Center High School or by appointment.

Office—Center School, Bellingham Center

Office Hours—4 to 5 o'clock P. M. on school days.

Telephone, Office—Milford 152-4

## SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

K. A. Campbell, M. D. .... Telephone, Milford, 102

## SCHOOL NURSE.

Helen C. Grady, R. N., Supervisor ..... Milford District Nursing Association

## JANITOR.

Raymond Barrows ..... Center School

## TRANSPORTATION AGENTS

Harold C. Barrows, Mendon, Mass.

G. Kenneth Taft, Mendon, Mass.

## ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Harold C. Barrows

Mendon, Mass.

## TEACHERS.

| Name.                         | Subject or Grade.                          | Preparation.                                   | Degrees or Yrs. | Yrs. Ser. in Town |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Henry P. Clough, Principal    | Math., Science, French                     | Dartmouth College and New Hampshire University | B.S.            | 17th              |
| Frances A. White              | Commercial Ed. History                     | Salem State Tea. Col.                          | B.S.            | Seventh           |
| Jeanne Derry (Resigned)       | English, Civics                            | Mary Grove Col., Simmons                       | B.A.            | First             |
| Barbara Hammann               | English, Civics                            | Pembroke Col.                                  | B.A.            | First             |
| Anne Sullivan                 | Home Economics, General Science, Biology   | Framingham State Tea. Col.                     | B.S.            | Third             |
| Elizabeth C. Byrne (Resigned) | History, Geography, Physiology, Arithmetic | Bridgewater State Tea. Col.                    | B.S.            | First             |
| Helen Casey                   | History, Geography, Physiology, Arithmetic | Fitchburg State Tea. Col.                      | B.S.            | First             |
| Virginia T. Mayo              | Grades 5 and 6                             | Bridgewater State Tea. Col.                    | B.S.            | First             |
| Nancy Serignano               | Grades 4 and 5                             | Emanuel Col.                                   | B.A.            | First             |
| Edwina Lareau (Resigned)      | Grades 4 and 5                             | Framingham State Tea. Col.                     | B.S.            | First             |
| Jennie Chesarone (Resigned)   | Grades 4 and 5                             | Framingham State Tea. Col.                     | B.S.            | First             |
| Grace Gaskell                 | Grades 2 and 3                             | Framingham State Tea. Coll                     | Two             | Sixth             |
| M. Elizabeth Rafter           | Grades 1 and 2                             | Lesley School                                  | 3 yrs. Dip.     | First             |
| Jean F. MacDonald (Resigned)  | Grades 1 and 2                             | Perry Kindergarten Normal                      | 3 yrs. Dip.     | Second            |

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR PERIOD FROM  
JANUARY, 1945 TO JUNE, 1946.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Open January 2, 1945, Close April 13, 1945

Open April 23, 1945, Close June 15, 1945

SUMMER VACATION.

Open September 5, 1945, Close December 21, 1945

Open January 2, 1946, Close April 12, 1946

Open April 22, 1946, Close June 14, 1946

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

Close February 16, 1945

Open February 26, 1945

Otherwise, same as High School

Close June 1, 1945

Close June 7, 1946

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

February 22, 1945, Washington's Birthday

May 30, 1945, Memorial Day

October 12, 1945, Columbus Day

November 22, November 23, 1945, Thanksgiving and  
Friday following

All legal holidays

## AGE OF ADMISSION TO SCHOOL.

Any child who becomes six years of age on or before January first of the year following the term when he wishes to enter school may be admitted into the first grade, but in every case the admission of a child under six shall be dependent upon the fitness of the child to profit by the work of the school, such fitness to be determined by the superintendent. Pupils under seven years of age who have not previously attended school shall not be permitted to enter later than thirty days after the opening of school in September of any school year.

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## REPORT OF SIGHT AND HEARING TESTS.

OCTOBER, 1944.

|                                                    |     |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Number of pupils examined .....                    | 262 |
| Number of pupils found defective in eyesight ..... | 15  |
| Number of pupils found defective in hearing .....  | 0   |
| Number of parents or guardians notified .....      | 15  |

## THE NO SCHOOL SIGNAL.

It is the policy of the school officials to practically abandon the use of the "no school" signal on account of weather conditions. This is in line with what many other cities and towns are doing. The reasons for so doing are that much confusion has resulted from the use of the "no school" signal, and the realization that the loss of even one school day is a very serious one.

However, there may be days when it is advisable to close schools on account of severe weather conditions or other emergency.

Arrangements have been made with Radio Stations WNAC, WBZ, and WEAN to broadcast the fact whenever it is necessary to close the schools. The siren will also blow two blasts twice at 7.30 A. M.

If schools do not close on any particularly bad day (rain, snow, or cold) parents are requested, and urged, to use their own judgment in sending their children to school.

## SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT.

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### RECEIPTS.

|                             |             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| General Appropriation ..... | \$22,367 76 |             |
| Dog Tax, 1944 .....         | 452 24      |             |
| Total Receipts .....        |             | \$22,820 00 |
| Total Expenditures .....    | \$22,184 82 |             |
| Balance .....               |             | 635 18      |

### REIMBURSEMENTS.

|                                      |            |            |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| General School Fund, Part I .....    | \$1,969 40 |            |
| General School Fund, Part II .....   | 2,839 01   |            |
| Superintendent's Salary .....        | 701 87     |            |
| Tuition from State .....             | 211 22     |            |
| High School Grant .....              | 885 75     |            |
| Tuition from Industrial School ..... | 86 02      |            |
| Total Reimbursements .....           |            | \$6,693 27 |

### TAXATION COST OF SCHOOLS.

|                            |             |             |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total Expenditures .....   | \$22,184 82 |             |
| Reimbursements .....       | 6,693 27    |             |
| Net Cost by Taxation ..... |             | \$15,491 55 |

### EXPENDITURES.

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| School Committee Expense .....   | \$25 00 |
| Superintendent's Salary .....    | 979 20  |
| Superintendent's Expenses .....  | 175 87  |
| Salary of Music Supervisor ..... | 394 00  |

|                                 |             |    |
|---------------------------------|-------------|----|
| Salaries of Teachers .....      | 11,817      | 98 |
| Textbooks .....                 | 62          | 25 |
| School Supplies .....           | 245         | 82 |
| Teachers'—Janitors' Bonus ..... | 429         | 40 |
| (Discontinued July 1, 1944)     |             |    |
| Wages of Janitor .....          | 1,520       | 15 |
| Fuel .....                      | 993         | 73 |
| Janitor's Supplies .....        | 261         | 67 |
| Electricity .....               | 250         | 92 |
| Telephone .....                 | 62          | 70 |
| Repairs .....                   | 437         | 47 |
| Health .....                    | 332         | 25 |
| Transportation .....            | 4,039       | 60 |
| Tuition .....                   | 156         | 81 |
| Total Expenditures .....        | \$22,184 82 |    |



## REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF MENDON:

Our school system has now completed its third full year of operating under wartime conditions. And like everyone else, it has had its share of problems brought about by the war; many of which will continue even beyond the cessation of hostilities. Some of them include:

**THE TEACHING STAFF:** The supply of teachers in this Commonwealth has reached a new low. Mendon was indeed fortunate to open with a full staff as so many of our neighboring towns were not able to do. With this shortage of teachers and the increasing costs of living, teachers' salaries have correspondingly jumped. To avoid the unhealthy effect that frequent teacher changes have upon the pupil and to continue the present high level of the teaching staff, it has been and is the feeling of the School Committee that it is the better policy to make an effort to retain its teachers where possible by paying them to the extent that the town is able to afford.

**THE FUEL SHORTAGE:** At the present time the coal situation is very acute, in fact so much so that it may be necessary to declare winter holidays and extend the school year into part of the summer.

**PAINTING OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING:** The exterior of the school house is badly in need of painting. The 1944 budget included \$500 for this purpose, but no bids for the job could be obtained; this sum makes up the greater part of the School's

unexpended balance. This year the Committee is again asking for this appropriation, but desires that this year it be included under a separate article of the warrant so that the funds will be available when painters can be procured.

In closing, I with the rest of the School Committee wish to thank the citizens, parents and school personnel for the cooperation that they have given us and also for the interest that they have shown in the School System during the past year. With this continued cooperation and interest, the schools of Mendon can be of real service to this community.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE F. LEE,

Chairman, School Committee.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

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Mendon, Massachusetts

January 16, 1945

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF MENDON:

GENTLEMEN:

It gives me pleasure to submit for your consideration my second annual report as Superintendent of Schools of Mendon.

The total school enrollment has again shown a slight decrease. This seems to follow the general tendency common in most school systems throughout the State. Strangely enough the decrease is more in the elementary grades than in the high school. However, this decrease in the lower grades is to our advantage as more individual attention can be given the children. The size of these classes now runs as high as 45 which is too large for the most efficient results. The following table shows the total enrollment over a five-year period:

|                       |     |
|-----------------------|-----|
| October 1, 1944 ..... | 262 |
| October 1, 1943 ..... | 284 |
| October 1, 1942 ..... | 307 |
| October 1, 1941 ..... | 298 |
| October 1, 1940 ..... | 274 |

During 1944 there have been five changes in the teaching staff. One room has had three different teachers. Three classes have each had two teachers. Miss Jennie Chesarone resigned in the early spring to accept a better position in Canton. Miss Edwina Lareau of Cochituate, and a graduate

of the Framingham State Teachers College was engaged in her place. Miss Elizabeth Byrne resigned in the spring, also. Miss Helen Casey, of Shrewsbury, a graduate of the Framingham State Teachers College was elected for this position and is still with us. During the summer Miss Jeanne Derry, Miss Edwina Lareau, and Miss Jean MacDonald sent in their resignations. Miss Barbara Hammann, of Blackstone, a graduate of Pembroke College, was engaged for Miss Derry's position. Miss Nancy Serignano, of East Boston, and a graduate of Emmanuel College was elected to the position left vacant by Miss Lareau, and Miss Betty Rafter, of Salem, a graduate of the Lesley School took the position held by Miss MacDonald.

This frequent change of teachers, especially during the school year, is very undesirable. We usually have to get inexperienced candidates, and it takes time for a new teacher to learn the habits, attitudes and skills of the children, also their rate of learning and capacity to learn. It would seem advisable, if possible, to grant salary increases that would enable the Town to keep the various members of its school faculty for longer periods of time. This would be a great advantage to the town as better educated pupils would be graduated from school, who would be better citizens of the community. Any investment in improving education will result in increased benefits to the Town, State, Nation, and World.

There have been no changes so far this school year, 1944-1945, in the teaching staff. I sincerely hope there will be none. Our present corps of teachers is doing excellent work. The new teachers engaged during 1944 are very capable and doing fine work with the pupils. The older teachers are doing their usual efficient job.

Very satisfactory progress is being made in the regular program of studies. Emphasis is still being put on Reading and English in all grades. These subjects are of the utmost

importance to all pupils, especially to those boys nearing the age of eighteen who must look forward to service in the armed forces of our country. Army officials are constantly stressing the significance of these subjects as well as mathematics and science. Our courses of study are several years old. However, the State Department of Education, in conjunction with the State Colleges and other officials in education, have been working on new outlines for the primary and intermediate grades. These will be available to all public schools soon.

Education Week was observed in November. The principal feature of the program was the closing of school for one day and the conducting of an evening session in its place. A very large number of parents were thus given an opportunity to visit all classes and observe the work done. The regular school schedule was carried on.

In September and October the Federal Government conducted a drive with the help of the school children to collect milk week pods. These pods when dried and processed are manufactured into life jackets for the armed forces. The children of Mendon did their part well by collecting twenty-one bags (bushels) which were shipped to Government officials.

The school children have also been buying War Stamps and Bonds through the school. During 1944, \$868.20 worth of stamps and bonds were purchased. Pupils should be encouraged to continue this as it not only helps in the all-out War Effort but establishes habits of saving and thrift.

No major repairs were made on the school plant for the year. We tried to get bids for painting the exterior of the building but were unable to get any. The school should be painted in the summer of 1945 if possible. A new fence was constructed in the rear of the school grounds. Minor repairs were made on the roof, doors, boiler, and stocker. Some work



needs to be done on the windows in the old part of the building. I would also suggest that a class room or two be painted each year in order to avoid having to do the entire interior at one time in the not too far future. It s the best policy to keep the school in excellent condition constantly.

In concluding I wish to express my sincere thanks for your very generous and able assistance during the year. The excellent cooperation of Mr. Clough, the Principal, the teachers, parents, children, and friends is also deeply appreciated. Better education depends upon the intelligent, constructive, and democratic participation of all.

Very truly yours,

PERCY L. ROWE,

Superintendent of Schools.

| Grade  | AGE AND GRADE CHART |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |       |  |  | October 1, 1944 |  |
|--------|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-------|--|--|-----------------|--|
|        | AGE                 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |       |  |  | Totals          |  |
|        | 5                   | 6   | 7   | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  | Boys  | Girls |  |  |                 |  |
| I      | B                   | 2   | 8   | 1   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11    | ...   |  |  |                 |  |
| II     | B                   | 6   | 8   | 1   | ... | 1   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12    | ...   |  |  |                 |  |
|        | G                   | ... | 3   | 3   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6     | ...   |  |  |                 |  |
| III    | B                   | ... | ... | 8   | 1   | 1   | 2   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12    | ...   |  |  |                 |  |
|        | G                   | ... | 4   | 14  | 3   | 1   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12    | ...   |  |  |                 |  |
| IV     | B                   | ... | ... | ... | 8   | 3   | ... | ... | ... | 1   | ... | ... | ... | 12    | ...   |  |  |                 |  |
|        | G                   | ... | ... | 3   | 4   | ... | 1   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...   | 8     |  |  |                 |  |
| V      | B                   | ... | ... | ... | 2   | 9   | 2   | 2   | 1   | ... | 1   | ... | ... | 17    | ...   |  |  |                 |  |
|        | G                   | ... | ... | ... | 1   | 11  | 2   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 21    | ...   |  |  |                 |  |
| VI     | B                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2   | 8   | 8   | 2   | 1   | ... | ... | ... | 11    | ...   |  |  |                 |  |
|        | G                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7   | ... | ... | 1   | 1   | ... | ... | ... | ...   | 9     |  |  |                 |  |
| VII    | B                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3   | 6   | 1   | 1   | ... | ... | ... | ...   | ...   |  |  |                 |  |
|        | G                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2   | 12  | ... | ... | ... | 1   | ... | ... | 7     | ...   |  |  |                 |  |
| VIII   | B                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3   | 3   | ... | 1   | ... | ...   | ...   |  |  |                 |  |
|        | G                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2   | 6   | 2   | 2   | ... | 2   | ... | 13    | ...   |  |  |                 |  |
| IX     | B                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4   | 2   | 3   | ... | ... | ...   | ...   |  |  |                 |  |
|        | G                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4   | 1   | 1   | 6     | ...   |  |  |                 |  |
| X      | B                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8   | ... | ... | ...   | ...   |  |  |                 |  |
|        | G                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3   | 1   | ... | 5     | ...   |  |  |                 |  |
| XI     | B                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5   | 3   | ...   | ...   |  |  |                 |  |
|        | G                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7   | 7     | ...   |  |  |                 |  |
| XII    | B                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1   | 2   | ...   | ...   |  |  |                 |  |
|        | G                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...   | 3     |  |  |                 |  |
| Totals | 8                   | 17  | 19  | 28  | 19  | 28  | 27  | 30  | 20  | 17  | 24  | 11  | 14  | 262   |       |  |  |                 |  |
| Boys   | 2                   | 9   | 11  | 8   | 11  | 16  | 15  | 16  | 9   | 11  | 12  | 5   | 9   | 134   | ...   |  |  |                 |  |
| Girls  | 6                   | 8   | 8   | 20  | 8   | 12  | 12  | 14  | 11  | 6   | 12  | 6   | 5   | ..... | 128   |  |  |                 |  |



## REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL.

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TO MR. PERCY L. ROWE,  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:—

I herewith submit the annual report of the Mendon Center School.

Registration figures show a slight decrease in enrollment when compared with the records of last year. An examination of the Age and Grade Chart indicates that the drop in membership is quite evenly distributed throughout the twelve grades. On January 2, 1945 the enrollment by grades is as follows: Grade One—27; Grade Two—19; Grade Three—33; Grade Four—20; Grade Five—31; Grade Six—30; Grade Seven—29; Grade Eight—18; Grade Nine—20; Grade Ten—12; Grade Eleven—12; Grade Twelve—11.

Graduation exercises of Mendon High School were held June 16, 1944. Fourteen graduates received diplomas. Four graduates of the class of 1943 were members of the armed forces of the United States at the date of graduation: Philip Whitney Harding, Aubrey Marshall Hensel, Clarence Ray Phipps, Wesley Clark Shattuck. First honors in scholarship were won by Donald Oppewal, and second honors by Lois B. Coleman. The Alumni Medal was won by Irene Woleck.

Prize Speaking occurred March 24, 1944. Eleven students took advantage of the opportunity offered by this important school activity. First prize was won by Shirley M. Coleman; second prize by Victor C. Wandres, and third prize by Roy A. Johnson. Lois B. Coleman and Carol J. Hook received honorable mention.

On February 11, 1944, a highly successful minstrel show was given at the Town Hall. The Senior Play, "Good Night, Ladies," was ably presented on December 15, to an enthusiastic audience.

In recognition of the excellent record of purchase of war stamps and bonds, an army jeep visited the school March 1, 1944.

The Mendon High School baseball team enjoyed a very successful season in 1944. Most of the games and practice were carried on in the early evening hours. The school is most grateful to the Community and Alumni Committee through whose efforts the large proceeds of the Alumni Game were presented to the School as an Athletic Fund.

In observance of American Education Week, an evening session of all grades was held November 9.

The pressure of wartime conditions continues to be a significant factor in school work. There is a large percentage of pupils whose hours outside school are primarily devoted to jobs on farms, in factories, and at home. The lack of time, physical weariness, and competition of outside interests all detract from a complete realization of the best scholastic achievement. Parents and teachers have a deep obligation to encourage and inspire boys and girls to attain a high level of school accomplishment.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation and that of the teachers of the school for the cooperation and assistance of the Superintendent of Schools, School Committee, and townspeople.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. CLOUGH,

Principal.

## SCHOOL NURSE'S ANNUAL REPORT

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TO MR. PERCY L. ROWE,  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:—

I herewith submit the annual school nurse's report for the year ending December 31, 1944.

Center School was visited one day a week, usually on Tuesday, when school was in session. All children were weighed and measured three times throughout the school year and notices sent to parents.

The school children were unusually free from contagious diseases throughout the year. Measles and a few cases of chicken-pox were the only diseases reported.

Home visits were made to check on contacts and actual cases.

The annual Toxoid Clinic for pre-school and school children opened in April and finished in June. Thirty-two children received the three protective treatments.

The following is a summary of the work done in the school building:

|                                                 |     |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Cleanliness inspection of pupils .....          | 580 |
| Classroom inspection of pupils .....            | 81  |
| Inspections for disease .....                   | 484 |
| Pupils given treatment for minor injuries ..... | 104 |
| Pupils given advice .....                       | 416 |
| Pupils excluded from school .....               | 416 |
| Talks with teachers .....                       | 117 |
| Home visits .....                               | 248 |

The following physical defects were found by Dr. Campbell in his annual physical examinations of the school children:

Notices of these defects were sent to parents or guardians:

|                                    |    |
|------------------------------------|----|
| Enlarged glands .....              | 3  |
| Enlarged or diseased tonsils ..... | 42 |
| Enlarged adenoids .....            | 2  |
| Cavities of teeth .....            | 72 |
| Heart murmur .....                 | 13 |
| Symptoms of Corea .....            | 1  |
| Anemia .....                       | 1  |
| Poor nutrition .....               | 1  |
| Wax in ears .....                  | 15 |
| Skin conditions .....              | 5  |
| Defective eye conditions .....     | 4  |

Many of these defects as well as some found at last year's physical examination have been corrected.

I wish at this time to thank Mr. Rowe, Mr. Clough, the school teachers and all who have helped me in any way in my work among the Mendon school children.

Respectfully Submitted,

HELEN C. GRADY, R. N.,

School Nurse.

## REPORT OF MUSIC SUPERVISOR.

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Mendon, Mass.,  
December 28, 1944.

MR. PERCY L. ROWE,  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,  
MENDON, MASS.

Dear Sir,

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1944.

The voices in all of the grades are good. The pupils have been taught to sing without strain, and have been encouraged to use head tones. Good posture and breathing have been stressed.

The work in musical theory has been carried out very well, and special attention has been given to rhythm.

In January, the High School Students presented a "Revue of the Gay Nineties." They were dressed in appropriate costumes and sang songs of that period. The program was greatly enjoyed by both audience and performers.

At the prize speaking contest selections were played by the third grade rhythm band, and songs were sung by the Boys' Glee Club.

The singing at the High School Graduation was unusually fine.

In closing, I wish to thank you, Mr. Rowe, the School Committee, Mr. Clough, and all of the teachers for the cooperation given me in my work.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID N. GELLATLY,

Supervisor of Music.

MENDON HIGH SCHOOL  
PRIZE SPEAKING CONTEST  
MENDON TOWN HALL, MARCH 24, 1944.

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|                                |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| The Big Game .....             | Van Antwerp |
| Ralph H. Brown                 |             |
| What Is It That We Fight ..... | Fleming     |
| Jacob Oppewal                  |             |
| Life On the Ocean Wave .....   | Marti       |
| Shirley M. Coleman             |             |
| A National Will .....          | Hunt        |
| Donald H. Phipps               |             |
| The Yellow Wall Paper .....    | Gilman      |
| Lois B. Coleman                |             |
| At a Rural Auction .....       | Wade        |
| Roy A. Johnson                 |             |
| Selections by the Rhythm Band— |             |
| Repaz March                    |             |
| Army Air Corps Song            |             |
| Victory Polka                  |             |
| The Soul of the Violin .....   | Morrill     |
| Irene M. Irons                 |             |
| Krag .....                     | Seton       |
| David F. Thomas                |             |

A Rendezvous With War ..... Neldon

Carol J. Hook

So They Can Walk in the Light ..... Painton

Kenneth E. Twitchell

The Telltale Heart ..... Poe

Victor C. Wandres

Selections by the Boys' Glee Club—

Softly Now the Light of Day

Santa Lucia

Marines' Hymn

Decision of the Judges



GRADUATION EXERCISES  
OF  
MENDON HIGH SCHOOL

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 1944

UNITARIAN CHURCH

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PROGRAM

Processional—Pomp and Circumstance ..... Elgar  
Mr. David M. Gellatly

Invocation

Rev. John D. Laida

Salutatory and Essay—South Pacific Possessions  
of the United States  
Lois B. Coleman

Song—Liberty's Creation ..... Mumma  
High School Chorus

Essay—The Hawaiian Islands  
Carol J. Hook

Essay—The Philippine Islands  
Irene Woleck

Song—Anchors Aweigh ..... Zimmermann  
High School Chorus

Essay—United States Possessions in the Caribbean Area  
Irene M. Irons

Essay and Valedictory—Alaska

Donald Oppewal

Song—Ciribiribin ..... Pestalozza  
High School Chorus

Award and Diploma Presentation

Mr. Leonard M. Rogers  
Secretary of School Committee

Star Spangled Banner

Benediction

Rev. John D. Laida

Recessional—Stars and Stripes Forever ..... Souza  
Mr. David N. Gellatly

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GRADUATES OF MENDON HIGH SCHOOL  
CLASS OF 1944.

Raymond Francis Coe  
Lois Bertha Coleman  
Eleanor Gunhild Halsing  
Philip Whitney Harding  
Aubrey Marshall Hensel  
Carol June Hook  
Irene May Irons

Donald Oppewal  
Leonard Thompson Perron  
Clarence Ray Phipps  
Wesley Clark Shattuck  
Eric Kenneth Swanson  
Doris Virginia Wilbur  
Irene Woleck

# TOWN WARRANT

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

*Worcester, ss.*

To the Constable of the Town of Mendon in the County of  
Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Mendon qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Mendon on Monday, the fifth day of March A. D., 1945, punctually at 9 o'clock A. M., to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside over said meeting.

Article 2. To bring in their ballots for the following Town Officers: One Town Clerk for one year, One Selectman for three years, One Assessor for three years, One Town Treasurer for one year, a Collector of Taxes for one year, One Auditor for one year, One Constable for one year, One Tree Warden for one year, One Trustee of the Taft Public Library for two years, One Member of the School Committee for three years, One Park Commissioner for three years, One Highway Surveyor for one year, all on one ballot designating the office intended for each person voted for.

Article 3. To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and Committees, and act thereon.

Article 4. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 5. To appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town expenses for the financial year beginning January 1, 1945.

Article 6. To determine the compensation of the Tax Collector for the ensuing year.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to authorize the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1945, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

Article 8. To see if the Town will appropriate any sum of money for Memorial Day services and appoint a committee to expend the same.

Article 9. To see if the Town will appropriate any sum of money for the improvement and repairs of highways, to be expended under the direction of the Massachusetts Department of Public Works as provided under Chapter 81 of the General Laws as amended, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 10. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$216.40 for the operation and repair of Town machinery, said amount to be taken from the Road Machinery fund, or take any action in regard to the same.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise any sum of money for the care of Soldiers' and Sailors' graves or take any action in relation to the same.

Article 12. To see what action the Town will take regarding any legal proceedings that may be brought by or against the Town.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the Dog License Refund received from Worcester County in 1944 to be used for general school expenses in 1945, or take any action in relation to the same. 45218

Article 14. To see if the Town will appropriate any sum of money for Street Lights for the ensuing year.

(This is not a complete Warrant. It contains only such articles as were ready for insertion when the town report went to the printer.)

The polls may be closed at 8 o'clock P. M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in said Mendon and causing a copy to be published once in the Milford Daily News, a newspaper published in Milford, Mass., both said posting and publication to be at least seven days before the time of the meeting hereby ordered to be held.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said town before the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Mendon this 19th day of February, A. D., 1945.

D. VICTOR SMITH,  
ROY A. BARROWS,  
SILAS H. DUDLEY.

A true copy. Attest:



ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE  
TOWN OFFICERS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF MENDON  
INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
FOR THE  
Municipal Year Ending December 31, 1945  
279TH ANNUAL REPORT

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## TOWN OF MENDON.

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Town of Mendon Incorporated May 15, 1667.

Population 1504, 1945 Census.

Registered Voters in 1944: Men, 410. Women, 398. Total, 808.

Annual Meeting: First Monday in March.

### County Commissioners:

Elbert M. Crockett, Chairman ..... Milford

George W. Jones ..... Worcester

Francis E. Cassidy ..... Webster

### Fourth Congressional District

Congressman, Joseph William Martin, Jr. .... North Attleboro

### Seventh Councillor District

Councillor, George E. Nelson ..... Worcester

### Fourth Senatorial District

Senator, John Albetski ..... Webster

### Ninth Worcester Representative District

Representative General Court, Peter F. Fitzgerald, Blackstone

### Sheriff for Worcester County

William A. Bennett ..... Worcester

## TOWN OFFICERS.

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### SELECTMEN.

(Selectmen serve as Board of Public Welfare  
Board of Health and Fence Viewers).

Roy A. Barrows      D. Victor Smith      Silas H. Dudley

### TOWN CLERK.

Albert S. Coleman

### TOWN TREASURER.

Moses U. Gaskill

### TAX COLLECTOR.

Arthur P. Dalton

### ASSESSORS.

Carl M. Taft    Edward T. Whiting    Charles F. Leonard, Clerk

### AUDITOR.

William A. Barry

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Leonard M. Rogers    Atty. George F. Lee    John L. Lundvall

### TRUSTEES OF TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Roy A. Barrows      Leonard Rogers      Percy Rowe  
Lena W. George      Edward T. Whiting, Secretary

## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

D. Kinsley Barnes  
Robert Maynard

Joseph W. McEwen  
Albert S. Coleman, Clerk

## FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Herman K. Hersey

Herbert S. Wood

Franklin E. Goodnow

## PARK COMMISSIONERS.

Norry J. Daige

Charles F. Neal, Jr.

Edward T. Whiting

Constable and Chief of Police ..... Harold C. Barrows

Tree Warden ..... William E. Nuttall

Town Solicitor ..... Shelley D. Vincent

Dog Officer ..... Harold C. Barrows

Public Weigher ..... Richard Gaskill

Sealer of Weights and Measures ..... Walter Taylor

Superintendent of Schools ..... Percy Rowe

Fire Chief and Forest Warden ..... Harold F. Lowell

Superintendent of Streets ..... Arthur A. Sabatinelli

Burial Agent ..... Norry J. Daige

Inspector of Slaughtering ..... Frank Phillips

Inspector of Animals ..... Moses U. Gaskill

# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT. 1945.

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## DOGS LICENSED IN 1945.

|                                                             |          |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| 133 Males at \$2.00 each .....                              | \$266 00 |          |
| 28 Females at \$5.00 each .....                             | 140 00   |          |
| 44 Spayed Females at \$2.00 each .....                      | 88 00    |          |
| 3 Kennel Licenses at \$10.00 each .....                     | 30 00    |          |
| 2 Kennel Licenses at \$25.00 each .....                     | 50 00    |          |
|                                                             | <hr/>    | \$574 00 |
| Less Clerk's Fees: 210 Licenses at 20c                      |          | 42 00    |
|                                                             |          | <hr/>    |
| Cash paid Town Treasurer as per<br>monthly statements ..... |          | \$532 00 |

3 Free Military Licenses issued to  
men in the armed forces during 1945.

Attention is called to the fact that all dogs three months old or more must be licensed at the Town Clerk's office on or before April 1, 1946. No bills are sent for this tax, so please assist the Town Clerk by paying your Dog License promptly.

SPORTING LICENSES ISSUED FROM  
JANUARY 1, 1945 TO DECEMBER 31, 1945.

|        |                                   |     |        |          |
|--------|-----------------------------------|-----|--------|----------|
| Series | 1 Resident Citizen Fishing        | 78  | \$2.00 | \$156.00 |
|        | 2 Resident Citizen Hunting        | 56  | 2.00   | 112.00   |
|        | 3 Resident Citizen Sporting       | 66  | 3.25   | 214.50   |
|        | 4 Resident Minor Fishing          | 46  | 1.25   | 57.50    |
|        | 6 Resident Citizen Trapping       | 1   | 5.25   | 5.25     |
|        | 9 Non-resident Fishing .....      | 2   | 5.25   | 10.50    |
|        | 10 Non-resident Hunting ....      | 1   | 10.25  | 10.25    |
|        | 12 Duplicate Licenses .....       | 4   | .50    | 2.00     |
|        | 15 Resident Citizen Sporting      |     |        |          |
|        | (70 years and over) free          | 9   | .....  | .....    |
|        | 16 Resident Military and          |     |        |          |
|        | Naval free .....                  | 6   | .....  | .....    |
|        | 17 Resident Fishing (old          |     |        |          |
|        | age) free .....                   | 1   | .....  | .....    |
|        |                                   |     |        | <hr/>    |
|        |                                   |     |        | \$568.00 |
|        | Fees retained by Clerk .....      | 254 | .25    | 62.50    |
|        |                                   |     |        | <hr/>    |
|        | Amount paid Division of Fisheries |     |        |          |
|        | and Game as per monthly reports   |     |        | \$505.50 |

## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1945.

| Date of Birth<br>1945 |    | Name of Child                | Name of Parents with Maiden Name of Mother |
|-----------------------|----|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Jan.                  | 4  | Ronald Francis Mellen        | Ernest K. and Josephine M. Pallazzola      |
| Feb.                  | 5  | Janice Louise Manning        | John J. and Marjorie L. Kennelly           |
|                       | 7  | James William Oliver         | W. Edward and Gertrude M. McCauley         |
|                       | 13 | John Harold Gallant          | Charles H. and Helen M. Fletcher           |
| Mar.                  | 6  | Beverly Taft Barrows         | Vernon and Emma Taft                       |
| May                   | 14 | Robert Lewis Dolliff         | Edwin L. and Doris Roche                   |
|                       | 22 | Anne Priscilla Denton        | Ian O. and Priscilla Wood                  |
|                       | 29 | Frederick Pion Ploof         | Raymond F. and Simone Y. Pion              |
| June                  | 11 | Alfred Raymond Barron        | Alfred J. and Edna Laren                   |
| July                  | 6  | George Francis Lee, Jr.      | George F. and Grace M. Ellison             |
|                       | 9  | Ernest Freeman Maynard, 2nd. | Robert E. and Kathleen Hogan               |
|                       | 10 | Anne Elizabeth Bouchard      | Henry J. and Esther M. Coffin              |
|                       | 29 | Donald Arthur Handley        | Norman H. and Velny Laveulette             |
| Aug.                  | 19 | Arlene Viola Phipps          | Fred R. and Ernestine Knox                 |
| Sept.                 | 1  | Beverly Ann Johnson          | Arthur F. and Mary Bowden                  |
|                       | 15 | Linda Cordella Roy           | Arthur and Virginia E. Longton             |
|                       | 26 | James Michael Kempton        | Raymond and Shelia Kelly                   |

## MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1945.

| Date of Marriage<br>1945 |    | Place of Marriage | Names                   | Residence            |
|--------------------------|----|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Mar.                     | 3  | Milford           | Arthur F. Johnson       | Mendon               |
|                          |    |                   | Mary R. Bowden          | Milford              |
|                          | 17 | Milford           | Frank Willard Sears     | Mendon               |
| May                      |    |                   | Edith Moore             | Mendon               |
|                          | 20 | Hyde Park         | John William Anesta     | Mendon               |
|                          |    |                   | Anna E. Svendsen        | Hyde Park, Mass.     |
| June                     | 30 | Uxbridge          | Donald H. Gadbois       | Uxbridge             |
| July                     |    |                   | Ruth Louise Lee         | Mendon               |
|                          | 18 | No. Weymouth      | Charles Melvin Fletcher | Mendon               |
|                          |    |                   | Mary Catherine Brockway | No. Weymouth         |
| Aug.                     | 25 | Hopedale          | Ralph Russell Zulak     | East Cleveland, Ohio |
|                          |    |                   | Jeanne Derry            | Mendon               |
| Sept.                    | 3  | Holliston         | Jerry Marengi           | Milford              |
|                          |    |                   | Myrtle Ann Thomas       | Mendon               |
|                          | 28 | Mendon            | Edward McCabe           | Mendon               |
|                          |    |                   | Evelyn Studley Lajoie   | Providence, R. I.    |
|                          | 28 | Milford           | Francis Fino            | Milford              |
| Oct.                     |    |                   | Thelma L. Randor        | Mendon               |
|                          | 3  | Holliston         | George Larson, Jr.      | Millville            |
|                          |    |                   | Arlene Barbara Grant    | Mendon               |
|                          | 6  | Grafton           | Joseph Rossetti         | Mendon               |
|                          |    |                   | Florence Cote           | Grafton              |
|                          | 12 | Uxbridge          | Douglas Taylor          | Mendon               |
| Nov.                     |    |                   | Arline L. Chace         | Douglas              |
|                          | 3  | Milford           | Robert E. Bell          | Mendon               |
|                          |    |                   | Ann Mary Spearance      | Milford              |
|                          | 12 | Uxbridge          | William S. Evans, Jr.   | Upton                |
|                          |    |                   | Eleanor A. Parkhurst    | Mendon               |
| Dec.                     | 14 | (Linwood)         | Joseph Randor, Jr.      | Mendon               |
|                          |    | Northbridge       | Eleanor C. Senecal      | Northbridge          |
|                          | 30 | Mendon            | Richard C. Simmons      | Sargentville, Maine  |
|                          |    |                   | Dorothy L. McGaughey    | Mendon               |



# DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1945.

| Date of<br>Death<br>1945 | Name                    | Age |          |    | Cause of Death                    |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----|----------|----|-----------------------------------|
|                          |                         | Y   | M        | D  |                                   |
| Jan. 25                  | Raymond E. Thomas, Jr.  | 20  | 2        | 10 | Epilepsy                          |
| Feb. 23                  | Louis Tetreault         | 71  | 10       | 26 | Cardiac failure                   |
| Mar. 6                   | Paul Henry Gentz        | 56  | 10       | 24 | Coronary thrombosis               |
| 11                       | Nelson E. Hook          | 22  | ..       | 27 | Shock—fracture of pelvis          |
| 13                       | Cordelia D. Roy         | 68  | 11       | 3  | Chronic interstitial nephritis    |
| 30                       | Michael R. Lioce        | 36  | ..       | .. | Coronary thrombosis               |
| 21                       | Harry Clinton York      | 68  | 2        | 5  | Cerebral embolism                 |
| Apr. 2                   | Annie M. Fagan          | 73  | ..       | 18 | Broncho pneumonia                 |
| May 10                   | Frank Kavaney           | 86  | ..       | .. | Chronic nephritis                 |
| July 7                   | George Francis Lee, Jr. | ..  | 22 hours | .. | Omphalocele infected ruptured sac |
| Sept. 11                 | Margaret A. Brown       | 71  | 6        | .. | Carcinoma of rectum               |
| Oct. 8                   | Neille Louise Avery     | 78  | 6        | 29 | Arterio sclerosis                 |
| 27                       | Mary Isabel Brown       | 82  | 1        | 12 | Arterio sclerosis                 |

Parents and others are requested to carefully examine the above lists and if any errors or omissions are discovered report them at once to the town clerk, that the record may be corrected, as it is of importance that the records of Vital Statistics should be complete. Herewith are extracts from the General Laws, Chapter 46.

GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 46, SECTION 3.

(As Amended by Chapter 281, Section 1, Acts of 1925).

Every physician, or hospital medical officer registered under section nine of chapter one hundred and twelve, in this chapter called officer, shall keep a record of the birth of every child in cases of which he was in charge, showing date and place of birth, the name, if any, of the child, its sex and color, the name, age, birthplace, occupation and residence (including the street number, if any, and the ward number, if in a city) of each parent, the maiden name of the mother and the name of the physician or officer, if any, personally attending the birth. If the child is illegitimate, the name of, and other facts relating to the father shall not be set forth except upon written request of both the father and mother; provided, that if an illegitimate child shall have become legitimate by the intermarriage of his parents and the acknowledgment of his father, as provided in section seven of chapter one hundred and ninety, prior to the mailing or delivery of any report herein required, such report shall read, in all respects, as if such child had been born to such parents in lawful wedlock. Said physician or officer shall, within fifteen days after such birth, mail or deliver to the clerk or registrar of the town where such birth occurred, a report stating the facts hereinabove required to be shown on said record and also the said written request, if any; provided, that if said report is not so made within forty-eight hours after such birth, said physician or officer shall, within said forty-eight hours, mail or deliver to said clerk or registrar

a notice stating the date and place of the birth, the street number, if any, the ward number, if in a city, and the family name. Upon presentation to him of a certificate of the town clerk stating that any such birth has been duly reported, the town treasurer shall pay to such physician or officer a fee of twenty-five cents for each birth so reported. Any physician or any such officer violating any provision of this section shall forfeit not more than twenty-five dollars. The said town clerk or registrar shall file daily with the local board of health a list of all births reported to him, showing, as to each, the date of birth, sex, color, family name, residence, ward and physician or officer in charge.

#### GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 46, SECTION 6.

Parents, within forty days after the birth of a child, and every householder, within forty days after a birth in his house, shall cause notice thereof to be given to the clerk of the town where such child is born \* \* \*.

Blanks may be obtained upon application to the town clerk.

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### NOTICE

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#### SOME OF THE MANY

#### REASONS WHY BIRTHS SHOULD BE RECORDED.

To establish identity.

To prove nationality.

To prove legitimacy.

To show when the child has the right to enter school.

To show when the child has the right to seek employment under the child labor law.

To establish the right of inheritance to property.

To establish liability to military duty, as well as exemption therefrom.

To establish age and citizenship in order to vote.

To qualify to hold title to, and to buy or sell real estate.

To establish the right to hold public office.

To prove the age at which the marriage contract may be entered into.

To prove age to determine validity of a contract entered into by an alleged minor.

To prove age for Old Age Assistance.

To prove age so as to have the right to take Civil Service Examinations.



Parents be sure to record the birth of your child with given name in full.

Your co-operation to the end that all births may be properly recorded will be greatly appreciated.

Your attention is called to the provisions of Section 36 and 55 of Chapter 207 of the General Laws relating to marriages solemnized out of this state, which are as follows:

“Section 29 of Chapter 151 of the Revised Laws: If a marriage is solemnized in another state between parties living in this Commonwealth who return to dwell here they shall, within seven days after their return, file with the clerk or registrar of the city or town in which either of them lived

at the time of their marriage, a certificate or declaration of their marriage, including the facts relative to marriages, which are required by law, and for neglect thereof shall forfeit ten dollars."

Blanks for the return of all Vital records can be obtained from the Town Clerk.

I take this opportunity in wishing the Townspeople a very prosperous year during 1946.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT S. COLEMAN,

Town Clerk.

Mendon, January 1, 1946.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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The Treasurer of the Town of Mendon submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1945.

The Treasurer debits himself with receiving the following amounts:—

|                                                     |             |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Cash balance Jan. 1, 1945 .....                     | \$23,309 96 |
| County Treasurer, Dog License Refund                | 447 83      |
| State Treasurer, High School Tuition                | 885 75      |
| State Treasurer, Highways, Contract,<br>9113 .....  | 94 33       |
| County Treasurer, Highways, Contract,<br>9113 ..... | 94 33       |
| State Treasurer, Highways, Contract<br>4216 .....   | 1,444 50    |
| State Highway Fund, Chap. 569 .....                 | 3,166 76    |
| State Treasurer, Highways, Contract,<br>4395 .....  | 2,749 06    |
| State Treasurer, Highways, Contract,<br>9446 .....  | 486 89      |
| County Treasurer, Highways, Contract,<br>9446 ..... | 486 89      |
| State Refund on Snow Removal .....                  | 1,554 77    |
| State Treasurer, Meal Tax .....                     | 503 50      |
| License Fees .....                                  | 1,399 00    |
| Town Clerk, License Fees for Dogs ....              | 532 00      |
| County Treasurer, Dog Account Refund                | 18 24       |
| State Treasurer, School Fund, Part II               | 3,077 64    |
| State Treasurer, Old Age Assistance ....            | 7,689 94    |
| State Treasurer, Aid to Dependent<br>Children ..... | 565 65      |

|                                                               |          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| State Treasurer, Temporary Aid and Transportation .....       | 1,746 44 |
| State Treasurer, Old Age Assistance, U. S. Grant .....        | 7,846 59 |
| State Treasurer, Aid to Dependent Children, U. S. Grant ..... | 693 00   |
| Frank R. Phillips, Inspector of Meats .....                   | 219 50   |
| Town of Belmont, Public Welfare .....                         | 25 00    |
| Town of Holliston, Old Age Assistance .....                   | 30 59    |
| State Treasurer, Inspection of Animals .....                  | 75 00    |
| State Treasurer, Income Tax .....                             | 6,281 25 |
| State Treasurer, Corporation Tax .....                        | 3,552 95 |
| Refund on Snow Removal .....                                  | 11 90    |
| Refund on Collector's Bond .....                              | 6 80     |
| District Court, Fines .....                                   | 25 00    |
| Town Clerk, Cash .....                                        | 10 00    |
| State Treasurer, School Superintendent .....                  | 773 33   |
| State Treasurer, Tuition of Children .....                    | 134 37   |
| State Treasurer, Department of Public Health .....            | 261 43   |
| Road Machinery Fund .....                                     | 1,116 20 |
| State Treasurer, Tuition and Transportation .....             | 211 22   |
| Library Fines .....                                           | 16 88    |
| Sealer of Weights and Measures .....                          | 5 40     |
| Rent of Town Hall .....                                       | 353 15   |
| Refund on Salaries .....                                      | 7 00     |

Tax Collector, A. P. Dalton:

|                                          |            |
|------------------------------------------|------------|
| Property Taxes, 1944 .....               | \$4,106 64 |
| Motor Excise Taxes, 1944 .....           | 24 24      |
| Motor Excise Taxes, 1945 .....           | 1,541 69   |
| Poll Taxes, 1945 .....                   | 713 15     |
| Property Taxes, 1945 .....               | 36,823 31  |
| East Bridgewater, Soldiers' Relief ..... | 30 00      |
| Fees from Hay Scales .....               | 13 20      |



|                                  |          |              |
|----------------------------------|----------|--------------|
| Sale of Town Annals .....        | 2 00     |              |
| Revenue Notes .....              | 3,000 00 |              |
| Total Receipts .....             |          | \$118,164 27 |
| Total Payments .....             |          | 92,674 24    |
|                                  |          | <hr/>        |
| Cash Balance Dec. 31, 1945 ..... |          | \$25,490 03  |

|                                       |              |            |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|------------|
|                                       | RESERVE FUND | \$1,000 00 |
| Transferred to Painting School House  | \$150 00     |            |
| Transferred to Vocational School Fund | 285 17       |            |
| Unexpended .....                      | 564 83       |            |
|                                       |              | <hr/>      |
|                                       |              | \$1,000 00 |

The Treasurer Credits himself with paying the following amounts:—

|                                         |            |
|-----------------------------------------|------------|
| State Tax .....                         | \$1,632 00 |
| County Tax .....                        | 2,817 95   |
| School House Notes .....                | 2,000 00   |
| Interest on Notes .....                 | 405 00     |
| County Treasurer, Dog License Fees .... | 532 00     |
| State Audit of Municipal Accounts ..... | 364 41     |
| State Parks and Reservations .....      | 41 69      |
| Support of Schools .....                | 23,498 67  |
| Incidentals .....                       | 2,426 59   |
| Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves .....     | 20 00      |
| General Repairs .....                   | 974 92     |
| Snow Removal .....                      | 6,750 46   |
| Fire Department .....                   | 699 19     |
| Officers' Salaries .....                | 1,833 62   |
| Street Lights .....                     | 627 00     |
| Bonds for Town Officers .....           | 92 25      |
| Board of Health .....                   | 1,098 40   |
| Insurance on Town Buildings .....       | 725 76     |
| Soldiers' Relief .....                  | 248 80     |
| Tax Refund .....                        | 6 09       |
| Taft Public Library .....               | 638 14     |

|                                 |           |                   |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Police Department .....         | 902 95    |                   |
| Forest Fires .....              | 485 47    |                   |
| Chapter 81, Highways .....      | 7,499 30  |                   |
| Chapter 90, Highways .....      | 2,999 26  |                   |
| Moth Suppression .....          | 170 80    |                   |
| Painting School House .....     | 644 81    |                   |
| Vocational School .....         | 449 77    |                   |
| Road Machinery Account .....    | 614 30    |                   |
| Park Department .....           | 72 35     |                   |
| Memorial Day .....              | 73 90     |                   |
| Tree Warden .....               | 64 80     |                   |
| Town Truck .....                | 3,550 00  |                   |
| Public Welfare .....            | 2,135 01  |                   |
| Old Age Assistance .....        | 18,135 56 |                   |
| Mothers' Aid .....              | 2,899 00  |                   |
| Worcester County Hospital ..... | 2,004 02  |                   |
| Test Wells .....                | 2,540 00  |                   |
|                                 |           | <hr/> \$92,674 24 |

## FLETCHER LIBRARY FUND.

## DR.

|                               |            |                  |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------------|
| To Cash in Savings Bank ..... | \$5,127 50 |                  |
| To Interest Received .....    | 101 54     |                  |
|                               |            | <hr/> \$5,229 04 |

## CR.

|                               |            |                  |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------------|
| By Cash in Savings Bank ..... | \$5,077 46 |                  |
| By One Library Order .....    | 151 58     |                  |
|                               |            | <hr/> \$5,229 04 |

## AUSTIN WOOD RELIEF FUND.

## DR.

|                                          |          |  |
|------------------------------------------|----------|--|
| To Cash in Milford Savings Bank .....    | \$665 07 |  |
| To Cash in Worcester Bank .....          | 758 88   |  |
| To Interest Received, Savings Bank ..... | 12 64    |  |

|                                      |       |            |
|--------------------------------------|-------|------------|
| To Interest Received, Worcester Bank | 15 24 |            |
|                                      | <hr/> | \$1,451 83 |

## CR.

|                                       |          |            |
|---------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| By Cash in Milford Savings Bank ..... | \$677 71 |            |
| By Cash in Worcester Bank .....       | 774 12   |            |
|                                       | <hr/>    | \$1,451 83 |

## F. N. THAYER CEMETERY FUND.

## DR.

|                               |         |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|
| To Cash in Savings Bank ..... | \$15 57 |         |
| To Interest Received .....    | 33      |         |
| To Cash Received .....        | 3 50    |         |
|                               | <hr/>   | \$19 40 |

## CR.

|                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| By Cash in Savings Bank ..... | \$19 40 |
|-------------------------------|---------|

## ANNA ELLIS LIBRARY FUND.

## DR.

|                               |          |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|
| To Cash in Savings Bank ..... | \$517 71 |          |
| To Interest Received .....    | 10 39    |          |
|                               | <hr/>    | \$528 10 |

## CR.

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| By Cash in Savings Bank ..... | \$528 10 |
|-------------------------------|----------|

## TAX TITLES.

|                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Twelve Tax Titles ..... | \$1,041 43 |
|-------------------------|------------|

## U. S. DEFENSE BOND, 1945.

## DR.

|                                     |            |  |
|-------------------------------------|------------|--|
| To U. S. Defense Bond .....         | \$1,000 00 |  |
| To Interest Received, U. S. G. .... | 50 00      |  |

|                                                |       |            |
|------------------------------------------------|-------|------------|
| To Interest Received, Home National Bank ..... | 37    |            |
|                                                | <hr/> | \$1,050 37 |

CR.

|                                     |            |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| By U. S. Bond .....                 | \$1,000 00 |            |
| By Cash in Home National Bank ..... | 50 37      |            |
|                                     | <hr/>      | \$1,050 37 |

## HONOR ROLL FUND.

DR.

|                                     |          |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| To Cash in Home National Bank ..... | \$177 74 |          |
| To Interest Received .....          | 2 66     |          |
|                                     | <hr/>    | \$180 40 |

CR.

|                                     |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| By Cash in Home National Bank ..... | \$180 40 |
|-------------------------------------|----------|

Respectfully submitted,

MOSES U. GASKILL,

Treasurer.

December 31, 1945.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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### INCIDENTALS.

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Appropriation ..... | \$2,750 00 |
| Expended:           |            |

### BALLOT CLERKS AND TELLERS.

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| Pay Roll No. 1 ..... | \$37 52 |
|----------------------|---------|

### SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

|                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Walter Taylor, salary ..... | \$40 00 |
|                             | \$40 00 |

### ASSESSORS.

|                                 |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| Postage .....                   | \$4 00  |
| County Assessors' Meeting ..... | 7 00    |
| Use of Auto .....               | 20 00   |
| Supplies .....                  | 45 61   |
|                                 | \$76 61 |

### INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS.

|                                |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Moses U. Gaskill, salary ..... | \$150 00 |
|                                | \$150 00 |

### PUBLIC WEIGHER.

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| Martha Dudley ..... | \$7 00 |
|---------------------|--------|

### DOG OFFICER.

|                                         |         |
|-----------------------------------------|---------|
| Killing, Care and Custody of Dogs ..... | \$32 00 |
| Harold C. Barrows, (Salary) .....       | 10 00   |
|                                         | \$42 00 |

## TOWN COUNSEL.

|                                  |          |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Shelley D. Vincent, salary ..... | \$100 00 |          |
|                                  | <hr/>    | \$100 00 |

## INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING.

|                                 |         |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Frank R. Phillips, salary ..... | \$25 00 |         |
|                                 | <hr/>   | \$25 00 |

## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

|                                         |        |          |
|-----------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Mendon High School, paper .....         | \$1 25 |          |
| Charlescraft Press, Town Reports .....  | 254 40 |          |
| Perambulating Town Bounds:              |        |          |
| Roy A. Barrows .....                    | 31 00  |          |
| Silas Dudley .....                      | 22 50  |          |
| D. Victor Smith .....                   | 2 50   |          |
| Smith A. Steere, Miscellaneous labor on |        |          |
| Town Buildings .....                    | 11 40  |          |
| Miscellaneous Expenses .....            | 11 68  |          |
| No Parking Signs .....                  | 10 50  |          |
| Moderator .....                         | 10 00  |          |
| Repairing Honor Roll .....              | 18 00  |          |
| Printing and Supplies .....             | 32 55  |          |
| Director of Accounts, Certification of  |        |          |
| Notes .....                             | 10 00  |          |
| Milford Daily News, Warrants and        |        |          |
| Notices .....                           | 47 25  |          |
|                                         | <hr/>  | \$463 03 |

## RECORD ROOM.

|                                |        |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| Cleaning Oil Burner .....      | \$5 00 |
| Shoveling Snow .....           | 1 00   |
| Postage .....                  | 14 58  |
| Printing and Supplies .....    | 41 26  |
| Care of Record Room .....      | 50 00  |
| Redecorating Record Room ..... | 30 53  |

|                       |       |          |
|-----------------------|-------|----------|
| Carpenter Labor ..... | 2 40  |          |
| Fuel .....            | 69 00 |          |
| Toll Calls .....      | 27 10 |          |
| Light .....           | 18 41 |          |
|                       | <hr/> | \$259 28 |

## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

|                 |         |          |
|-----------------|---------|----------|
| Supplies .....  | \$19 94 |          |
| Pay Rolls ..... | 179 26  |          |
|                 | <hr/>   | \$199 20 |

## SELECTMEN.

|                                                         |        |         |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Dues to Worcester County Selectmen's Association .....  | \$9 00 |         |
| O. D. T. Meeting .....                                  | 6 00   |         |
| Selectmen's Association Meeting .....                   | 6 80   |         |
| Postage .....                                           | 4 20   |         |
| Office Price Administration, One File ....              | 14 50  |         |
| Worcester County, Filing Petition for Road Taking ..... | 3 00   |         |
|                                                         | <hr/>  | \$43 50 |

## TAX COLLECTOR.

|                             |         |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Use of Auto .....           | \$10 00 |         |
| Notices .....               | 1 80    |         |
| Postage .....               | 49 50   |         |
| Printing and Supplies ..... | 36 07   |         |
|                             | <hr/>   | \$97 37 |

## TOWN CLERK.

|                                      |         |          |
|--------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Supplies .....                       | \$78 77 |          |
| Expenses Town Clerks' Meetings ..... | 36 15   |          |
|                                      | <hr/>   | \$114 92 |



## TOWN HALL.

|                                  |         |          |
|----------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Electrical Work .....            | \$34 86 |          |
| Lights .....                     | 51 86   |          |
| Fuel .....                       | 270 58  |          |
| Janitor and Extra Services ..... | 310 69  |          |
| Supplies .....                   | 33 20   |          |
|                                  | <hr/>   | \$701 19 |

## TOWN TREASURER.

|                         |         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|
| Making Schedule A ..... | \$12 00 |         |
| Postage .....           | 44 55   |         |
| Supplies .....          | 13 42   |         |
|                         | <hr/>   | \$69 97 |

|                      |          |            |
|----------------------|----------|------------|
| Total Expended ..... | 2,426 59 |            |
| Unexpended .....     | 323 41   |            |
|                      | <hr/>    | \$2,750 00 |

## HIGHWAY TRUCK APPROPRIATION.

|                                     |          |            |
|-------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Appropriation, by Taxation .....    | \$350 00 |            |
| Transferred from Excess Funds ..... | 200 00   |            |
| Raised by Notes .....               | 3,000 00 |            |
|                                     | <hr/>    | \$3,550 00 |

## Expended:

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Paid Henley Kimball Co. .... | 3,550 00 |
|------------------------------|----------|

## WORCESTER COUNTY HOSPITAL.

|                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Appropriation .....        | \$2,004 02 |
| Paid County Hospital ..... | 2,004 02   |

## STREET LIGHTS.

|                                    |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Appropriation .....                | \$627 00 |
| Paid Worcester Sub. Elec. Co. .... | 627 00   |

## SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

|                                       |          |                  |
|---------------------------------------|----------|------------------|
| Appropriation .....                   |          | \$1,900 00       |
| Expended:                             |          |                  |
| Assessors:                            |          |                  |
| Charles F. Leonard .....              | \$257 00 |                  |
| Carl M. Taft .....                    | 100 00   |                  |
| Edward Whiting .....                  | 100 00   |                  |
| Town Clerk, Albebrt S. Coleman .....  | 125 00   |                  |
| Town Treasurer, M. U. Gaskill .....   | 350 00   |                  |
| Tax Collector, Arthur P. Dalton ..... | 432 12   |                  |
| Selectmen and Welfare:                |          |                  |
| Roy A. Barrows .....                  | 156 00   |                  |
| D. Victor Smith .....                 | 93 50    |                  |
| Silas Dudley .....                    | 170 00   |                  |
| Dog Officer, Harold C. Barrows .....  | 25 00    |                  |
| Auditor, William A. Barry .....       | 25 00    |                  |
|                                       |          | \$1,833 62       |
| Unexpended .....                      |          | 66 38            |
|                                       |          | <hr/> \$1,900 00 |

## REAL ESTATE TAX REFUND.

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| Expended 1945 ..... | \$4 35 |
|---------------------|--------|

## PERSONAL TAX REFUND.

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| Expended 1945 ..... | \$1 74 |
|---------------------|--------|

## SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

|                                         |         |                |
|-----------------------------------------|---------|----------------|
| Appropriation .....                     |         | \$400 00       |
| Expended:                               |         |                |
| Care of one family in home and hospital | \$60 00 |                |
| Care one person in hospital .....       | 176 80  |                |
| Care one person in home .....           | 12 00   |                |
|                                         |         | <hr/> \$248 80 |

|                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| Unexpended ..... | 151 20   |
|                  | <hr/>    |
|                  | \$400 00 |

## SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' GRAVES.

|                                         |         |
|-----------------------------------------|---------|
| Appropriation .....                     | \$20 00 |
| Paid Swandale Cemetery Association .... | 20 00   |

## PARK DEPARTMENT.

|                                                          |          |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Appropriation .....                                      | \$125 00 |
| Expended:                                                |          |
| Pay Roll No. 1 .....                                     | \$14 90  |
| Pay Roll No. 2 .....                                     | 8 40     |
| Pay Roll No. 3 .....                                     | 7 44     |
| Pay Roll No. 4 .....                                     | 11 16    |
| Leonard E. Jaques & Son, Supplies and<br>Equipment ..... | 30 45    |
|                                                          | <hr/>    |
|                                                          | \$72 35  |
| Unexpended .....                                         | 52 65    |
|                                                          | <hr/>    |
|                                                          | \$125 00 |

## MOTH SUPPRESSION.

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| Appropriation .....  | \$200 00 |
| Expended:            |          |
| Pay Roll No. 1 ..... | \$54 60  |
| Pay Roll No. 2 ..... | 59 50    |
| Pay Roll No. 3 ..... | 56 70    |
|                      | <hr/>    |
|                      | \$170 80 |
| Unexpended .....     | 29 20    |
|                      | <hr/>    |
|                      | \$200 00 |

## MEMORIAL DAY.

|                                    |         |         |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Appropriation .....                |         | \$85 00 |
| Expended:                          |         |         |
| Milford Victory Band .....         | \$40 00 |         |
| Lakeside Flower Shop, Wreath ..... | 5 00    |         |
| Charles F. Leonard, Wreath .....   | 5 00    |         |
| C. C. Shattuck, Supplies .....     | 11 40   |         |
| James F. DeWolf .....              | 1 50    |         |
| Wm. F. Draper Camp .....           | 6 00    |         |
| Clayton Parkinson, Wreath .....    | 5 00    |         |
|                                    | <hr/>   | \$73 90 |
| Unexpended .....                   |         | 11 10   |
|                                    |         | <hr/>   |
|                                    |         | \$85 00 |

## INSURANCE ON TOWN BUILDINGS.

|                             |          |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation .....         |          | \$727 00 |
| Paid Donald F. Lowell ..... | \$725 76 |          |
| Unexpended .....            | 1 24     |          |
|                             | <hr/>    | \$727 00 |

## BONDS OF TOWN OFFICERS.

|                     |         |          |
|---------------------|---------|----------|
| Appropriation ..... |         | \$100 00 |
| Expended .....      | \$92 25 |          |
| Unexpended .....    | 7 75    |          |
|                     | <hr/>   | \$100 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

ROY A. BARROWS, Chairman,  
D. VICTOR SMITH,  
SILAS H. DUDLEY,

Board of Selectmen.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT.

|                                                             |         |            |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------|
| Appropriation .....                                         |         | \$1,000 00 |
| Expenditures:                                               |         |            |
| Pay Roll No. 1 .....                                        | \$58 10 |            |
| Pay Roll No. 2 .....                                        | 69 55   |            |
| Pay Roll No. 3 .....                                        | 43 35   |            |
| Pay Roll No. 4 .....                                        | 24 05   |            |
| Pay Roll No. 5 .....                                        | 72 40   |            |
| Pay Roll No. 6 .....                                        | 27 10   |            |
| Pay Roll No. 7 .....                                        | 38 75   |            |
| Pay Roll No. 8 .....                                        | 88 10   |            |
| Pay Roll No. 9 .....                                        | 110 50  |            |
| Pay Roll No. 10 .....                                       | 29 56   |            |
| Pay Roll No. 11 .....                                       | 49 60   |            |
| Pay Roll No. 12 .....                                       | 59 90   |            |
| Pay Roll No. 13 .....                                       | 153 65  |            |
| John Lundvall, Accident Pictures .....                      | 3 50    |            |
| Clark Printing Co., tags .....                              | 6 00    |            |
| Harold C. Barrows, Toll Calls .....                         | 46 27   |            |
| National Grange Mut. Lib. Co., Insurance .....              | 21 87   |            |
| Mass. Dept. Public Safety, Bicycle Registration Forms ..... | 70      |            |
|                                                             | <hr/>   | \$902 95   |
| Unexpended .....                                            |         | 97 05      |
|                                                             |         | <hr/>      |
|                                                             |         | \$1,000 00 |

## TEST WELLS.

|                                 |            |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Appropriation .....             |            | \$3,500 00 |
| Expended:                       |            |            |
| Hayden Harding & Buchanan ..... | \$2,540 00 |            |
| Unexpended .....                | 960 00     |            |
|                                 | <hr/>      | \$3,500 00 |

## LIST OF JURORS.

|                       |                |                   |
|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Donald B. Lowell      | Dairyman       | North Avenue      |
| Harry L. Wilbur       | Machinist      | Hastings Street   |
| William R. Bowen      | Poultryman     | Bates Street      |
| Gordon R. Good        | Machinist      | North Avenue      |
| Ernest E. Souls       | Pattern Maker  | Bates Street      |
| Henry Twitchell       | Machinist      | Maple Street      |
| Robert Chase          | Collector      | Hastings Street   |
| Roy A. Barrows        | Dairyman       | Blackstone Street |
| William F. Irons, Jr. | Musician       | Main Street       |
| Walter Taylor         | Factory Worker | Blackstone Street |
| Vernon A. Barrows     | Grinder        | Blackstone Street |
| Lester P. Mann, Sr.   | Pattern Maker  | Washington St.    |
| Charles F. Neal, Jr.  | Printer        | Hastings St.      |
| Richard F. Harding    | Foreman        | George St.        |

## ASSETS.

## Uncollected Taxes:

|                                  |           |             |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Excise Tax .....                 | \$74 01   |             |
| Property Tax .....               | 4,277 36  |             |
| Cash in Hands of Treasurer ..... | 25,490 03 |             |
| 12 Tax Titles .....              | 1,041 43  |             |
| U. S. Bonds .....                | 1,000 00  |             |
|                                  | <hr/>     | \$31,882 83 |

## Public Welfare:

|                                  |          |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Due from State of Massachusetts, |          |          |
| Temporary Aid .....              | \$569 86 |          |
|                                  | <hr/>    | \$569 86 |

## Board of Health:

|                                      |          |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Due from State of Massachusetts .... | \$328 57 |          |
|                                      | <hr/>    | \$328 57 |

## Old Age Assistance:

|                              |            |            |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Federal Government .....     | \$1,373 00 |            |
| State of Massachusetts ..... | 2,365 84   |            |
| Town of Holliston .....      | 47 15      |            |
| Town of Easthampton .....    | 24 05      |            |
|                              | <hr/>      | \$3,810 04 |

## Aid to Dependent Children:

|                              |          |          |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|
| State of Massachusetts ..... | \$475 98 |          |
| Federal Government .....     | 121 00   |          |
|                              | <hr/>    | \$596 98 |

|                    |       |             |
|--------------------|-------|-------------|
| Total Assets ..... | <hr/> | \$37,188 28 |
|--------------------|-------|-------------|

## LIABILITIES.

|                                                   |            |             |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Worcester County Hospital for Construction .....  | \$2,200 00 |             |
| Bonds, School House Addition .....                | 16,000 00  |             |
| Federal Government, Advance for Water Plans ..... | 3,000 00   |             |
| Notes on Town Truck .....                         | 3,000 00   |             |
| Total Liabilities .....                           | <hr/>      | \$24,200 00 |



## SUMMARY.

| Department                      | Resources  | Expended   | Unexpended | Overdraft |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Incidentals                     |            |            |            |           |
| Chapter 81                      |            |            |            |           |
| Town Appropriation              |            |            |            |           |
| State Allocation                | \$2,750.00 | \$2,426.59 | \$323.41   |           |
| General Repairs                 |            |            |            |           |
| Chapter 90 Maintenance          |            |            |            |           |
| Town Appropriation              | \$3,000.00 |            |            |           |
| County Allocation               | 4,500.00   |            |            |           |
| State Allocation                | —          |            |            |           |
|                                 | \$7,500.00 | 7,499.30   | .70        |           |
|                                 | 1,000.00   | 974.92     | 25.08      |           |
| Snow Removal                    |            |            |            |           |
| Town Appropriation              | 1,000.00   |            |            |           |
| Transferred from Public Welfare | 1,000.00   |            |            |           |
| Transferred from Surplus Funds  | 1,000.00   |            |            |           |
|                                 | 3,000.00   | 2,999.26   | .74        |           |
| Road Machinery Account          |            |            |            |           |
| Appropriated from R. M. Fund    | 4,000.00   |            |            |           |
| Transferred from Public Welfare | 300.00     |            |            |           |
| Transferred from Surplus Funds  | 2,500.00   |            |            |           |
|                                 | 6,800.00   | 6,750.46   | 49.54      |           |
| Board of Health                 |            |            |            |           |
|                                 | 267.61     |            |            |           |
|                                 | 350.00     |            |            |           |
|                                 | 617.61     | 614.30     | 3.31       |           |
|                                 | 1,100.00   | 1,098.40   | 1.60       |           |

## SUMMARY—Continued.

| Department                     | Resources | Expended | Unexpended | Overdraft |
|--------------------------------|-----------|----------|------------|-----------|
| Fire Department                | 700.00    | 699.19   | .81        |           |
| Forest Fires                   | 500.00    | 485.47   | 14.53      |           |
| Police Department              | 1,000.00  | 902.95   | 98.05      |           |
| Park Department                | 125.00    | 72.35    | 52.65      |           |
| Salaries of Town Officers      | 1,900.00  | 1,833.62 | 66.38      |           |
| Soldiers' Relief               | 400.00    | 248.80   | 151.20     |           |
| Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves  | 20.00     | 20.00    |            |           |
| Street Lights                  | 627.00    | 627.00   |            |           |
| Tree Warden                    | 100.00    | 64.80    | 35.20      |           |
| Taft Public Library            | 650.00    | 638.14   | 11.86      |           |
| Meth Suppression               | 200.00    | 170.80   | 29.20      |           |
| Memorial Day                   | 85.00     | 73.90    | 11.10      |           |
| Insurance on Town Buildings    | 727.00    | 725.76   | 1.24       |           |
| Board of Public Welfare        |           |          |            |           |
| Appropriation                  | 3,000.00  |          |            |           |
| Transferred from Snow Removal  | (300.00)  |          |            |           |
| Transferred from R. M. Account | (350.00)  |          |            |           |
| Reserve Fund                   | 2,350.00  | 2,135.01 | 214.99     |           |
| Bonds of Town Officers         | 1,000.00  | 435.17   | 564.83     |           |
|                                | 100.00    | 92.25    | 7.75       |           |

## SUMMARY—Continued.

| Department                          | Resources | Expended  | Unexpended | Overdraft |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Schools                             |           |           |            |           |
| Town Appropriation                  | 23,047.76 |           |            |           |
| Appropriation of Dog License Refund | 452.24    |           |            |           |
|                                     | <hr/>     |           |            |           |
|                                     | 23,500.00 | 23,498.67 | 1.33       |           |
| Worcester County Hospital           |           |           |            |           |
| Water Test Appropriation            | 2,004.02  | 2,004.02  |            |           |
| Interest on Loans                   | 3,500.00  | 2,540.00  | 960.00     |           |
| Painting of School House            | 100.00    |           | 100.00     |           |
| Appropriation                       | 500.00    |           |            |           |
| Transferred from Reserve Fund       | 150.00    |           |            |           |
|                                     | <hr/>     |           |            |           |
|                                     | 650.00    | 644.81    | 5.19       |           |
| Tuition for Vocational Schools      |           |           |            |           |
| Appropriation                       | 200.00    |           |            |           |
| Transferred from Reserve Fund       | 285.17    |           |            |           |
|                                     | <hr/>     |           |            |           |
|                                     | 485.17    | 449.77    | 35.40      |           |
| Purchase of Truck for Highway Dept. |           |           |            |           |
| Appropriated by Taxation            | 350.00    |           |            |           |
| Appropriated from Surplus Funds     | 200.00    |           |            |           |
| Appropriated by Bonds               | 3,000.00  |           |            |           |
|                                     | <hr/>     |           |            |           |
|                                     | 3,550.00  | 3,550.00  |            |           |

# SUMMARY—Continued.

| Department                      | Resources        | Expended  | Unexpended | Overdraft |
|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Old Age Assistance              |                  |           |            |           |
| Town Appropriation              | 10,700.00        |           |            |           |
| Federal Grant Aid               | 7,593.54         |           |            |           |
| Federal Grant Administration    | 253.05           |           |            |           |
|                                 | <u>18,634.93</u> | 18,135.56 | 499.37     |           |
| Aid to Dependent Children       |                  |           |            |           |
| Town Appropriation              | 1,500.00         |           |            |           |
| Town Approp. Spec. Town Meeting | 1,200.00         |           |            |           |
| Federal Grant                   | 693.00           |           |            |           |
|                                 | <u>3,393.00</u>  | 2,899.00  | 494.00     |           |

Respectfully submitted,

ROY A. BARROWS,  
D. VICTOR SMITH,  
SILAS H. DUDLEY,  
Selectmen of Mendon.

## REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY SURVEYOR.

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TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

GENTLEMEN:

I submit the following annual report on the roads for the year just past.

This past year restrictions on road materials were lifted which helped considerably; however, due to the labor shortage and reductions in allotments by the State and Town, roads could not be repaired as promptly and efficiently as desired.

### CHAPTER 81.

Appropriations by the State and Town to Chapter 81 were expended as follows:

(1) 20,000 gallons of tar and asphalt were applied on sections of North Avenue, Pleasant Street, Park Street, Bel-  
lingham Street, Bates Street, Old State Highway, Wash-  
ington Street, and Hopedale Street. Due to the lack of funds, we  
were unable to furnish these roads an armor coat of stone  
which would have made them more durable.

(2) Approximately 760 yards of gravel was required  
on the further end of Blackstone Street to make the road  
usable for the winter.

(3) 200 yards of gravel was used on the Old Hartford  
Pike to make the road somewhat passable.

(4) 150 feet of open ditch drainage was constructed on  
Mr. Kinnecome's land on Washington Street.

(5) George Street, Hartford Avenue, West and Pleasant Streets were scarified and re-shaped, but a sufficient amount of gravel could not be applied due to insufficient funds.

(6) All of Main Street and Maple Street were furnished a complete coating of tar, as well as the intersection at Shattuck's Store. A heavier tar than usual was applied to these places so as to provide a more substantial tread.

(7) A considerable amount of brush was cut on all Chapter 81 roads.

#### CHAPTER 90.

Appropriations by the State and Town to Chapter 90 were expended as follows:

(1) All waterways and ditches of Chapter 90 roads were cleared.

(2) The following roads were given an application of tar or asphalt:

- (a) Sections of Hartford Avenue East.
- (b) Chapter 90 Section of North Avenue.
- (c) Northbridge Street, all but, approximately, one-quarter of a mile was coated.
- (d) Section of Providence Street from Blackstone line to Main Street.
- (e) Millville Street, all but, approximately, one-quarter of a mile was coated.

(3) Brush cutting on all Chapter 90 roads.

In concluding I want to thank the Board of Selectmen and Townspeople for their cooperation and kindness during my terms in office.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR A. SABATINELLI,

Highway Surveyor.

## SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES.

|                              |            |             |
|------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Chapter 81 .....             | \$7,499 30 |             |
| Chapter 90 .....             | 2,999 26   |             |
| Snow Removal .....           | 6,750 46   |             |
| General Repairs .....        | 974 82     |             |
| Road Machinery Account ..... | 614 30     |             |
| Total .....                  |            | \$18,838 14 |

## CHAPTER 81.

|                          |            |            |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| Town Appropriation ..... | \$3,000 00 |            |
| State Allotment .....    | 4,500 00   |            |
|                          |            | \$7,500 00 |

## EXPENDITURES.

## PAY ROLLS.

|                 |            |            |
|-----------------|------------|------------|
| Labor .....     | \$2,139 00 |            |
| Equipment ..... | 2,778 00   |            |
|                 |            | \$4,917 00 |

## MATERIALS.

|                                                     |          |            |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| H. A. Daniels Co., insurance .....                  | \$94 65  |            |
| The Barrett Div., tarvia .....                      | 1,347 74 |            |
| E. Gaskill, gravel .....                            | 97 90    |            |
| Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co., sand and<br>patch ..... | 987 01   |            |
| C. B. Dolge, ivy acid .....                         | 55 00    |            |
|                                                     |          | \$2,582 30 |
| Total Expenditures .....                            |          | \$7,499 30 |
| Unexpended balance .....                            |          | 70         |

## CHAPTER 90, MAINTENANCE.

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Town Appropriation ..... | \$1,000 00 |
| County Allotment .....   | 1,000 00   |



|                       |          |            |
|-----------------------|----------|------------|
| State Allotment ..... | 1,000 00 |            |
|                       | <hr/>    | \$3,000 00 |

## EXPENDITURES.

## PAY ROLLS.

|                 |          |            |
|-----------------|----------|------------|
| Labor .....     | \$845 10 |            |
| Equipment ..... | 600 65   |            |
|                 | <hr/>    | \$1,445 75 |

## MATERIALS.

|                                                     |            |            |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| The Barrett Div., tarvia .....                      | \$1,028 51 |            |
| H. A. Daniels Co., insurance .....                  | 36 57      |            |
| Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co., sand and<br>patch ..... | 488 43     |            |
|                                                     | <hr/>      | \$1,553 51 |
| Total Expended .....                                |            | \$2,999 26 |
| Unexpended balance .....                            |            | 74         |

## SNOW REMOVAL.

|                                       |            |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Appropriation .....                   | \$4,000 00 |            |
| Transferred from Public Welfare ..... | 300 00     |            |
| Transferred from Surplus .....        | 2,500 00   |            |
|                                       | <hr/>      | \$6,800 00 |

## EXPENDITURES.

## PAY ROLLS.

|                 |            |            |
|-----------------|------------|------------|
| Labor .....     | \$3,219 00 |            |
| Equipment ..... | 3,228 50   |            |
|                 | <hr/>      | \$6,447 50 |

## SUPPLIES.

|                                                      |         |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Consolidated Steel, skid chains for<br>tractor ..... | \$38 77 |
| Eddie's Service Station, gas and oil .....           | 71 90   |

|                                     |        |            |
|-------------------------------------|--------|------------|
| F. A. Gould, hardware .....         | 2 80   |            |
| L. N. Jaques & Sons, hardware ..... | 3 42   |            |
| Milford Hardware, hardware .....    | 8 67   |            |
| Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co., calcium | 173 30 |            |
| Varney Bros., express .....         | 1 60   |            |
| Western Auto, spark plugs .....     | 1 40   |            |
|                                     |        | <hr/>      |
|                                     |        | \$301 86   |
| Total Expended .....                |        | <hr/>      |
|                                     |        | \$6,749 36 |
| Error in Payroll No. 5 .....        |        | 1 10       |
| Unexpended balance .....            |        | 49 54      |
|                                     |        | <hr/>      |
|                                     |        | \$6,800 00 |

## GENERAL REPAIRS.

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Appropriation ..... | \$1,000 00 |
|---------------------|------------|

## EXPENDITURES.

## PAY ROLLS.

|                 |          |          |
|-----------------|----------|----------|
| Labor .....     | \$345 60 |          |
| Equipment ..... | 189 90   |          |
|                 |          | <hr/>    |
|                 |          | \$535 50 |

## MATERIALS.

|                                                         |        |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| W. A. Barry, chain repairs .....                        | \$2 50 |
| Consolidated Steel Syndicate, snow plow<br>blades ..... | 174 03 |
| Charlescraft Press, signs .....                         | 3 00   |
| Eddie's Service Station, gas and oil .....              | 13 52  |
| W. G. Fiske Lumber Co., pitman rods                     | 2 25   |
| Gleason Service Station, gas and oil ...                | 49 59  |
| Hopedale Coal & Ice Co., kerosene .....                 | 3 06   |
| L. N. Jaques & Sons, hardware .....                     | 21 22  |
| Lakeside Garage, repairs .....                          | 46 00  |
| Lake Nipmuc Ice Co., lumber .....                       | 1 02   |

|                                     |       |          |
|-------------------------------------|-------|----------|
| Milford Hardware, hardware .....    | 13 25 |          |
| Henry J. Poirier, welding .....     | 12 50 |          |
| Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co., welding | 30 80 |          |
| C. Shattuck, paint .....            | 6 13  |          |
| Worcester Truck Body, sign painting |       |          |
| on truck doors .....                | 36 00 |          |
| Leo Zuchi Hardware, hardware .....  | 24 45 |          |
|                                     |       | <hr/>    |
|                                     |       | \$439 32 |
| Total Expended .....                |       | <hr/>    |
|                                     |       | \$974 82 |
| Unexpended balance .....            |       | 25 18    |

## ROAD MACHINERY ACCOUNT.

|                                       |          |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation .....                   | \$267 61 |          |
| Transferred from Public Welfare ..... | 350 00   |          |
|                                       |          | <hr/>    |
|                                       |          | \$617 61 |

## EXPENDITURES.

|                                            |         |          |
|--------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Main Street Garage, repairs .....          | \$49 40 |          |
| Lakeside Garage, repairs .....             | 92 50   |          |
| Eddie's Service Station, gas and oil ..... | 99 07   |          |
| L. N. Jaques & Sons, hardware .....        | 11 77   |          |
| W. H. Gleason, gas and oil .....           | 78 02   |          |
| Fiske-Alden Co., tractor parts .....       | 156 88  |          |
| City Auto Parts, roller parts .....        | 7 82    |          |
| Socony Vacuum, oil and lubrite .....       | 46 84   |          |
| Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co., welding ....   | 25 00   |          |
| H. A. Daniels, insurance .....             | 37 00   |          |
| McGaughey Bros., garage rental for         |         |          |
| two (2) months .....                       | 10 00   |          |
| Total Expended .....                       |         | <hr/>    |
|                                            |         | \$614 30 |
| Unexpended balance .....                   |         | 3 31     |

## ROAD MACHINERY FUND.

## PAID TO TOWN TREASURER.

|                                          |          |            |
|------------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Chapter 81, use of grader .....          | \$212 00 |            |
| Snow Removal, use of grader .....        | 222 00   |            |
| Chapter 81, use of sand spreader .....   | 23 00    |            |
| Chapter 90, use of sand spreader .....   | 25 50    |            |
| Chapter 81, use of gas roller .....      | 27 00    |            |
| Chapter 90, use of truck .....           | 38 40    |            |
| Snow removal, use of truck .....         | 344 80   |            |
| General Repairs, use of truck .....      | 16 00    |            |
| Rental of Roller, Hopedale Highway       |          |            |
| Department .....                         | 7 50     |            |
| J. F. White, sale of Town "V" plow ..... | 200 00   |            |
|                                          | <hr/>    | \$1,116 20 |

# SCHEDULE OF WAGES PAID EMPLOYEES OF ALL HIGHWAY WORK IN 1945.

| Name                   | Chapter 81 | Chapter 90<br>Maintenance | Snow<br>Removal | General<br>Repairs | TOTALS     |
|------------------------|------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------|
| A. Sabatinelli .....   | \$645.00   | \$241.00                  | \$574.00        | \$173.00           | \$1,633.00 |
| C. Auty .....          | 90.30      | 11.20                     | 133.00          |                    | 234.50     |
| A. Auty .....          |            |                           | 169.00          |                    | 169.00     |
| W. Auty .....          | 40.60      | 11.20                     | 15.40           |                    | 67.20      |
| R. Barrows .....       |            |                           | 10.50           |                    | 10.50      |
| E. Bartlett .....      |            |                           | .70             |                    | .70        |
| R. Bartlett .....      |            |                           | 51.10           |                    | 51.10      |
| N. Billedeau .....     |            |                           | 18.90           |                    | 18.90      |
| P. Bonati .....        | 73.50      | 98.70                     | 16.80           |                    | 189.00     |
| E. Boover .....        |            |                           | 16.10           |                    | 16.10      |
| W. Bowen .....         |            |                           | 35.00           |                    | 35.00      |
| J. Brady .....         |            |                           | 9.10            |                    | 9.10       |
| W. Briggs .....        | 156.80     | 22.40                     | 102.20          | 9.80               | 291.20     |
| D. Brownley .....      |            |                           | 24.50           |                    | 24.50      |
| Richard Brownley ..... |            |                           | 58.80           |                    | 58.80      |
| Robert Brownley .....  |            |                           | 13.30           |                    | 13.30      |
| W. Butler .....        |            |                           | 64.40           |                    | 64.40      |
| J. Brynes .....        |            |                           | 8.40            |                    | 8.40       |
| T. Brynes .....        |            |                           | 8.40            |                    | 8.40       |
| R. Carlson .....       |            |                           | 22.40           |                    | 22.40      |
| S. Carlson .....       |            |                           | 13.30           |                    | 13.30      |
| J. Carmody .....       |            |                           |                 | 10.50              | 10.50      |
| S. Chapin .....        |            |                           | 53.20           |                    | 53.20      |

SCHEDULE OF WAGES PAID EMPLOYEES OF ALL HIGHWAY WORK IN 1945—Con't.

| Name                | Chapter 81 | Chapter 90<br>Maintenance | Snow<br>Removal | General<br>Repairs | TOTALS |
|---------------------|------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------|
| H. Clough .....     |            |                           | 46.20           |                    | 46.20  |
| R. Dalrymple .....  |            |                           |                 | 2.50               | 2.50   |
| A. Demaris .....    | 6.30       |                           | 12.00           |                    | 18.30  |
| I. Denton .....     |            |                           | 12.60           |                    | 12.60  |
| R. Dudley .....     |            |                           | 11.90           |                    | 11.90  |
| S. Dudley .....     |            |                           | 24.50           |                    | 24.50  |
| R. Fagen .....      | 95.90      | 32.90                     | 56.70           |                    | 185.50 |
| B. Fairbanks .....  |            |                           | 5.60            |                    | 5.60   |
| G. Fiske .....      | 15.40      |                           | 23.10           | 14.00              | 52.50  |
| D. Gaskill .....    |            |                           | 13.30           |                    | 13.30  |
| R. Gaskill .....    |            |                           | 11.20           |                    | 11.20  |
| W. Gaskill .....    |            |                           | 2.80            |                    | 2.80   |
| E. Goss .....       |            |                           | 2.80            |                    | 2.80   |
| T. Hakerson .....   |            |                           | 8.40            |                    | 8.40   |
| R. Hazard .....     |            |                           | 10.50           |                    | 10.50  |
| W. Hazard .....     |            |                           | 8.40            |                    | 8.40   |
| D. Halsing .....    |            |                           | 25.90           |                    | 25.90  |
| E. Halsing .....    |            |                           | 27.30           |                    | 27.30  |
| B. Hogarth .....    |            |                           | 27.30           |                    | 27.30  |
| W. Hutchinson ..... |            |                           | 3.50            |                    | 3.50   |
| H. Johnson .....    |            |                           | 5.60            |                    | 5.60   |
| R. Kempton .....    |            |                           | 11.20           |                    | 11.20  |
| J. Lamothe .....    |            |                           | 35.00           |                    | 35.00  |

SCHEDULE OF WAGES PAID EMPLOYEES OF ALL HIGHWAY WORK IN 1945—Con't.

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| Name               | Chapter 81 | Chapter 90<br>Maintenance | Snow<br>Removal | General<br>Repairs | TOTALS |
|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------|
| C. Larkin .....    |            |                           | 4.90            |                    | 4.90   |
| A. Lightfoot ..... |            |                           | 12.60           |                    | 12.60  |
| D. Lowell .....    |            |                           | 4.20            |                    | 4.20   |
| J. Lundvall .....  |            |                           | 7.00            |                    | 7.00   |
| N. Mantell .....   |            |                           | 2.80            |                    | 2.80   |
| M. Mantoni .....   |            |                           | 5.60            |                    | 5.60   |
| R. McTurk .....    |            |                           | 4.90            |                    | 4.90   |
| W. McTurk .....    | 16.80      | 8.40                      | 10.50           |                    | 35.70  |
| F. Morrison .....  |            |                           | 5.60            |                    | 5.60   |
| K. Morrison .....  |            |                           | 5.60            |                    | 5.60   |
| W. Munsell .....   | 144.20     |                           | 112.20          | 54.60              | 311.00 |
| G. Kneeland .....  | 5.60       | 18.90                     |                 |                    | 24.50  |
| A. Noesky .....    |            |                           | 3.50            |                    | 3.50   |
| S. Nuttall .....   |            |                           | 76.30           | 5.60               | 81.90  |
| J. O'Neil .....    |            |                           | 4.20            |                    | 4.20   |
| J. Oppewal .....   |            |                           | 32.90           |                    | 32.90  |
| L. Ouelette .....  |            |                           | 11.20           |                    | 11.20  |
| A. Padduck .....   |            |                           | 15.40           |                    | 15.40  |
| M. Perkins .....   |            |                           | 36.40           |                    | 36.40  |
| D. Phipps .....    |            |                           | 32.90           |                    | 32.90  |
| F. Phipps .....    |            |                           | 12.60           |                    | 12.60  |
| K. Phipps .....    |            |                           | 41.30           |                    | 41.30  |
| R. Phipps .....    |            |                           | 103.20          |                    | 103.20 |



# SCHEDULE OF WAGES PAID EMPLOYEES OF ALL HIGHWAY WORK IN 1945—Con't.

| Name               | Chapter 81 | Chapter 90<br>Maintenance | Snow<br>Removal | General<br>Repairs | TOTALS |
|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------|
| R. Plouff .....    | 36.40      |                           |                 |                    | 36.40  |
| J. Powers .....    |            |                           | 10.70           |                    | 10.70  |
| M. Powers .....    |            |                           | 10.50           |                    | 10.50  |
| J. Quirk .....     |            |                           | 31.50           |                    | 31.50  |
| W. Randor .....    | 33.60      | 102.90                    | 41.30           |                    | 177.80 |
| L. Rascoit .....   |            |                           | 18.90           |                    | 18.90  |
| D. Rau .....       |            |                           | 11.20           |                    | 11.20  |
| F. Richards .....  |            |                           | 31.50           |                    | 31.50  |
| L. Robinson .....  | 5.60       |                           |                 |                    | 5.60   |
| E. Rogers .....    |            |                           | 26.60           |                    | 26.60  |
| W. Rogers .....    |            |                           | 60.90           |                    | 60.90  |
| J. Rondeau .....   |            |                           | 5.60            |                    | 5.60   |
| W. Roy .....       |            |                           | 8.40            |                    | 8.40   |
| A. Shaw .....      |            |                           | 4.90            |                    | 4.90   |
| C. Sibley .....    |            |                           | 17.50           |                    | 17.50  |
| G. Simmons .....   | 2.80       |                           |                 |                    | 2.80   |
| T. Stevens .....   |            |                           | 30.10           |                    | 30.10  |
| K. Swanson .....   |            |                           | 14.00           |                    | 14.00  |
| A. Taft .....      |            |                           | 5.60            |                    | 5.60   |
| D. Taft .....      | 186.10     | 81.90                     | 56.70           |                    | 324.70 |
| K. Taft .....      |            |                           | 60.20           |                    | 60.20  |
| W. Taft .....      | 2.80       |                           | 27.30           |                    | 30.10  |
| A. Tetreault ..... | 86.80      | 56.00                     | 51.80           | 14.00              | 208.60 |

# SCHEDULE OF WAGES PAID EMPLOYEES OF ALL HIGHWAY WORK IN 1945—Con't.

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| Name                | Chapter 81 | Chapter 90<br>Maintenance | Snow<br>Removal | General<br>Repairs | TOTALS     |
|---------------------|------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------|
| N. Thibeault .....  | 464.50     | 159.60                    | 195.30          | 61.60              | 881.00     |
| F. Thurber .....    |            |                           | 3.50            |                    | 3.50       |
| A. Vear .....       |            |                           | 14.70           |                    | 14.70      |
| W. Wagner .....     |            |                           | 37.80           |                    | 37.80      |
| J. Whelan .....     |            |                           | 9.10            |                    | 9.10       |
| W. Williams .....   | 30.00      |                           |                 |                    | 30.00      |
| C. Wood .....       |            |                           | 56.00           |                    | 56.00      |
| W. Yanski .....     |            |                           | 5.60            |                    | 5.60       |
| W. Yanski, Jr. .... |            |                           | 21.70           |                    | 21.70      |
| TOTALS .....        | \$2,139.00 | \$845.10                  | \$3,219.00      | \$345.60           | \$6,548.70 |

## SCHEDULE OF WAGES PAID EMPLOYEES—(Continued). RENTED EQUIPMENT—TRUCKS.

| Name               | Chapter 81 | Chapter 90<br>Maintenance | Snow<br>Removal | General<br>Repairs | TOTALS     |
|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------|
| D. K. Barnes ..... | \$501.35   | \$194.25                  | \$531.00        |                    | \$1,226.60 |
| L. Chase .....     | 185.20     |                           |                 |                    | 185.20     |
| R. Gaskill .....   | 7.40       |                           |                 |                    | 7.40       |
| L. Hazard .....    |            |                           | 258.00          | 7.40               | 265.40     |

## SCHEDULE OF WAGES PAID EMPLOYEES OF ALL HIGHWAY WORK IN 1945—Con't.

## RENTED EQUIPMENT—TRUCKS.

| Name                    | Chapter 81 | Chapter 90<br>Maintenance | Snow<br>Removal | General<br>Repairs | TOTALS   |
|-------------------------|------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------|
| H. Lowell .....         |            |                           | 10.00           |                    | 10.00    |
| R. McTurk .....         | 241.00     | 30.00                     |                 |                    | 271.00   |
| C. Parkinson .....      |            |                           | 12.00           |                    | 12.00    |
| N. Rogers .....         | 103.60     |                           | 107.60          |                    | 211.20   |
| F. Roy .....            |            |                           | 36.00           |                    | 36.00    |
| E. L. Sabatinelli ..... |            |                           | 105.00          |                    | 105.00   |
| C. Taft .....           | 418.10     | 83.25                     | 608.10          | 55.50              | 1,164.95 |
| L. Tetreault .....      | 575.35     | 157.25                    | 744.00          | 111.00             | 1,587.60 |
| J. White .....          |            |                           | 159.00          |                    | 159.00   |
| L. Wiersma .....        |            |                           | 52.00           |                    | 52.00    |
| A. Woleck .....         |            |                           | 24.00           |                    | 24.00    |
| H. Wood .....           |            |                           | 15.00           |                    | 15.00    |

## COMPRESSOR WORK

|                         |         |         |          |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|----------|
| E. L. Sabatinelli ..... | \$48.00 | \$72.00 | \$120.00 |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|----------|

## POWER SHOVEL.

|                  |          |          |
|------------------|----------|----------|
| H. Poirier ..... | \$352.00 | \$352.00 |
|------------------|----------|----------|

## GRADER

|                           |         |         |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|
| Town of Northbridge ..... | \$84.00 | \$84.00 |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|

SCHEDULE OF WAGES PAID EMPLOYEES OF ALL HIGHWAY WORK IN 1945—Con't.

TOWN EQUIPMENT.

| Name              | Chapter 81 | Chapter 90<br>Maintenance | Snow<br>Removal | General<br>Repairs | TOTALS     |
|-------------------|------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------|
| Grader .....      | \$212.00   |                           | \$222.00        |                    | \$434.00   |
| Spreader .....    | 23.00      | \$25.50                   |                 |                    | 48.50      |
| Town Roller ..... | 27.00      |                           |                 |                    | 27.00      |
| Town Truck .....  |            | 38.40                     | 344.80          | 16.00              | 399.20     |
| TOTALS .....      | \$2,778.00 | \$600.65                  | \$3,228.50      | \$189.90           | \$6,797.05 |

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

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|                                                                          |          |                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------------|
| Appropriation .....                                                      |          | \$1,100 00       |
| Expended:                                                                |          |                  |
| Frank R. Phillips, Inspector of Slaughtering .....                       | \$220 00 |                  |
| Alex Wolcott, Town Dump .....                                            | 50 00    |                  |
| A. H. Sweet, Supplies .....                                              | 9 10     |                  |
| Silas Dudley, Placarding and Fumigating .....                            | 10 00    |                  |
| Massachusetts Dept. Public Health .....                                  | 10 00    |                  |
| K. A. Campbell, M. D., Clinic Services .....                             | 50 00    |                  |
| Uxbridge Printing Co., Printing .....                                    | 5 00     |                  |
| Milford Daily News, Notices .....                                        | 1 30     |                  |
| Milford, Hopedale, Mendon Instructive District Nursing Association ..... | 50 00    |                  |
| Worcester County Sanatorium, Care of 2 Patients .....                    | 693 00   |                  |
|                                                                          | <hr/>    | \$1,098 40       |
| Unexpended .....                                                         |          | 1 60             |
|                                                                          |          | <hr/> \$1,100 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

SILAS H. DUDLEY, Chairman,  
 ROY A. BARROWS,  
 D. VICTOR SMITH,

Board of Health.

## REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN.

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|                               |         |          |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Appropriation .....           |         | \$100 00 |
| Expended:                     |         |          |
| William Nuttall, Salary ..... | \$12 00 |          |
| Pay Rolls:                    |         |          |
| William Nuttall .....         | 24 00   |          |
| William Munsell .....         | 16 80   |          |
| Jack Armstrong .....          | 24 00   |          |
| Total Expended .....          | \$76 80 |          |
| Unexpended Total .....        | 23 20   |          |
|                               |         | \$100 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM E. NUTTALL,

Tree Warden.

## REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

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|                                      |       |        |
|--------------------------------------|-------|--------|
| Platform scales under 5000 lbs. .... | 2     | \$1 00 |
| Spring scales under 100 lbs. ....    | 2     | 20     |
| Computing scales under 100 lbs. .... | 1     | 10     |
| Counter scales under 100 lbs. ....   | 1     | 10     |
| Spring scales over 100 lbs ....      | 1     | 50     |
| Beam scales over 100 lbs. ....       | 1     | 50     |
| Gasoline pumps, meter system.....    | 5     | 2 50   |
| Kerosene pumps, hand system .....    | 1     | 50     |
|                                      | <hr/> | <hr/>  |
|                                      | 14    | \$5 40 |

I have collected \$5.40 for Sealing Fees and have turned this amount over to the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER TAYLOR,

Sealer.

Mendon, December 30, 1945.



## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING.

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To the Honorable Board of Health:

The following animals have been slaughtered in my presence and inspected by me:

|                 | Calves | Cows  | Pigs  | Sheep |
|-----------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| January .....   | 4      | 14    | 23    |       |
| February .....  | 15     |       | 3     | 3     |
| March .....     | 1      | 17    | 14    |       |
| April .....     | 2      | 21    | 3     |       |
| May .....       |        | 8     | 1     |       |
| June .....      |        | 7     | 3     |       |
| July .....      | 1      | 11    |       |       |
| August .....    | 2      | 13    |       |       |
| September ..... | 4      | 7     | 2     |       |
| October .....   | 3      | 10    | 3     |       |
| November .....  | 4      | 12    | 9     |       |
| December .....  | 1      | 16    | 26    |       |
|                 | <hr/>  | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Totals .....    | 37     | 136   | 87    | 3     |

Cash received and turned over to the Town Treasurer,  
\$219.50.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK R. PHILLIPS,

Inspector of Slaughtering.

## ASSESSORS' REPORT.

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The Assessors' Recapitulation Sheet of Aggregates is given below:

### RECAPITULATION SHEET.

#### Town appropriations:

|                             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Annual Town Meeting, March, |             |
| 1945 .....                  | \$65,422 45 |
| Debt and Interest .....     | 2,405 00    |
| State Taxes, 1945 .....     | 2,051 91    |
| County Tax .....            | 2,747 83    |

#### Tuberculosis Hospital:

|                        |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| Assessment .....       | \$2,004 02 |
| Overlay for 1945 ..... | 1,168 78   |

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|             |             |
|-------------|-------------|
| \$75,799 99 | \$75,799 99 |
|-------------|-------------|

|                          |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Estimated Receipts ..... | \$28,535 79 |
| Available Funds .....    | 4,940 69    |

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|             |             |
|-------------|-------------|
| \$33,476 48 | \$33,476 48 |
|-------------|-------------|

#### Net amount raised on Polls and

|                                |                |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Property .....                 | \$42,323 51    |
| 453 Poll Taxes at \$2.00 ..... | 906 00         |
| Total Valuation .....          | \$1,428,190 00 |
| Tax Rate .....                 | \$29 00        |
| Personal Property .....        | 142,230 00     |
| Real Estate .....              | 1,285,960 00   |

|                                                      |                |                |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Number of Assessments on Real Estate .....           | 569            |                |
| Number of Assessments on Personal Estate .....       | 85             |                |
|                                                      | <hr/>          |                |
|                                                      | 654            | 654            |
| Number of Male Polls Assessed ....                   | 453            |                |
| Value of Assessed Stock-in-trade ....                | \$5,600 00     |                |
| Value of Assessed Live Stock .....                   | 65,530 00      |                |
| Value of Assessed Machinery .....                    | 70,100 00      |                |
| Value of All Other Assessed Personal Estate .....    | 1,000 00       |                |
|                                                      | <hr/>          |                |
| Value of Assessed Personal Property .....            | \$142,230 00   | \$142,230 00   |
| Value of Assessed Buildings, excluding Land .....    | \$953,170 00   |                |
| Value of Assessed Land, excluding Buildings .....    | 332,790 00     |                |
|                                                      | <hr/>          |                |
| Total Value of Real Estate .....                     | \$1,285,960 00 | \$1,285,960 00 |
| Total Value of Assessed Property                     |                | \$1,428,190 00 |
| Tax on Personal Estate .....                         | \$4,124 67     |                |
| Tax on Real Estate .....                             | 37,292 84      |                |
| Tax on Polls .....                                   | 906 00         |                |
|                                                      | <hr/>          |                |
|                                                      | \$42,323 51    | \$42,323 51    |
| Rate of tax per \$1,000 .....                        |                | \$29 00        |
| Number of horses assessed .....                      |                | 42             |
| Number of cows assessed .....                        |                | 549            |
| Number of neat cattle other than cows assessed ..... |                | 127            |
| Number of swine assessed .....                       |                | 54             |

|                                             |        |
|---------------------------------------------|--------|
| Number of dwelling houses<br>assessed ..... | 445    |
| Number of acres of land assessed            | 10,762 |
| Number of fowl assessed .....               | 6,110  |

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES COMMITTED TO  
COLLECTOR IN 1945.

|                                   |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Vehicles registered in 1945 ..... | \$1,616 65 |
|-----------------------------------|------------|

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES ABATED

|                          |         |         |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|
| 1944 Taxes in 1945 ..... | \$8 97  |         |
| 1945 Taxes .....         | 2 00    |         |
|                          | <hr/>   |         |
|                          | \$10 97 | \$10 97 |

OVERLAY ACCOUNT, 1944.

|                                 |          |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Balance in 1944 Overlay Account | \$839 36 |          |
| 1944 Abatements in 1945 .....   | 3 48     |          |
|                                 | <hr/>    |          |
| 1944 Overlay Balance .....      | \$835 88 | \$835 88 |

OVERLAY ACCOUNT, 1945.

|                            |            |          |
|----------------------------|------------|----------|
| 1945 Overlay .....         | \$1,168 78 |          |
| 1945 Abatements .....      | 350 46     |          |
|                            | <hr/>      |          |
| 1945 Overlay Balance ..... | \$818 32   | \$818 32 |

Respectfully submitted,

CARL M. TAFT,  
EDWARD T. WHITING,  
CHARLES F. LEONARD,

Mendon Board of Assessors.

## REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS.

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|                                         |          |          |
|-----------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation .....                     |          | \$700 00 |
| Expended:                               |          |          |
| Pay Rolls .....                         | \$301 00 |          |
| Fire Whistle Test .....                 | 33 00    |          |
| Fuel .....                              | 42 36    |          |
| New Equipment .....                     | 165 25   |          |
| Repairs and Supplies .....              | 23 60    |          |
| Gas and Oil .....                       | 35 73    |          |
| Test Blowing .....                      | 18 25    |          |
| Salary as Chief .....                   | 75 00    |          |
| Special Fireman's License .....         | 2 00     |          |
| Dues for Fire Chiefs' Association ..... | 3 00     |          |
|                                         | <hr/>    | \$699 19 |
| Unexpended .....                        |          | 81       |
|                                         |          | <hr/>    |
|                                         |          | \$700 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. LOWELL, Chief,  
 NORRY J. DAIGE,  
 EDWARD T. WHITING,  
 Fire Engineers.

## REPORT OF THE FOREST WARDEN.

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|                                  |          |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation .....              |          | \$500 00 |
| Expended:                        |          |          |
| Pay Rolls .....                  | \$112 00 |          |
| Test Blowing .....               | 18 25    |          |
| Supplies and New Equipment ..... | 293 66   |          |
| Salary as Warden .....           | 25 00    |          |
| Janitor Service .....            | 26 60    |          |
| Fuel .....                       | 9 96     |          |
|                                  | <hr/>    | \$485 47 |
| Unexpended .....                 |          | 14 53    |
|                                  |          | <hr/>    |
|                                  |          | \$500 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. LOWELL,

Forest Warden.

## COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

1945.

## 1944 EXCISE TAXES.

## DR.

|                                       |         |         |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Taxes outstanding, Jan. 1, 1945 ..... | \$32 91 |         |
| Interest .....                        | 30      |         |
|                                       | <hr/>   | \$33 21 |

## CR.

|                      |         |         |
|----------------------|---------|---------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$24 24 |         |
| Abated .....         | 8 97    |         |
|                      | <hr/>   | \$33 21 |

## 1944 PROPERTY TAXES.

## DR.

|                                       |            |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Taxes outstanding, Jan. 1, 1945 ..... | \$3,983 14 |            |
| Interest .....                        | 126 98     |            |
|                                       | <hr/>      | \$4,110 12 |

## CR.

|                      |            |            |
|----------------------|------------|------------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$4,106 64 |            |
| Abated .....         | 3 48       |            |
| Uncollected .....    | 00         |            |
|                      | <hr/>      | \$4,110 12 |

## 1945 POLL TAXES.

## DR.

|                                   |          |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Taxes committed including omitted |          |          |
| Assessment of Aug. 18, 1945 ..... | \$912 00 |          |
| Interest .....                    | 55       |          |
| Demands .....                     | 12 60    |          |
|                                   | <hr/>    | \$925 15 |



## CR.

|                      |          |          |
|----------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$713 15 |          |
| Abated .....         | 212 00   |          |
| Uncollected .....    | 00       |          |
|                      | <hr/>    | \$925 15 |

## 1945 EXCISE TAXES.

## DR.

|                                        |          |          |
|----------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| First commitment, March 24, 1945 ..... | \$595 27 |          |
| Interest .....                         | 36       |          |
|                                        | <hr/>    | \$595 63 |

## CR.

|                      |          |          |
|----------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$595 63 |          |
| Uncollected .....    | 00       |          |
|                      | <hr/>    | \$595 63 |

## DR.

|                                          |          |          |
|------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Second commitment, August 15, 1945 ..... | \$850 71 |          |
| Interest .....                           | 66       |          |
|                                          | <hr/>    | \$851 37 |

## CR.

|                      |          |          |
|----------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$837 73 |          |
| Uncollected .....    | 13 64    |          |
|                      | <hr/>    | \$851 37 |

## DR.

|                                        |         |         |
|----------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Third commitment, October 4, 1945 .... | \$80 30 |         |
| Interest .....                         | 03      |         |
|                                        | <hr/>   | \$80 33 |

## CR.

|                      |         |         |
|----------------------|---------|---------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$76 33 |         |
| Uncollected .....    | 4 00    |         |
|                      | <hr/>   | \$80 33 |

## DR.

|                                        |         |         |
|----------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Fourth commitment, Dec. 10, 1945 ..... | \$70 37 |         |
|                                        | <hr/>   | \$70 37 |

## CR.

|                      |         |         |
|----------------------|---------|---------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$24 00 |         |
| Abated .....         | 2 00    |         |
| Uncollected .....    | 44 37   |         |
|                      | <hr/>   | \$70 37 |

## DR.

|                                       |         |         |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Fifth commitment, Dec. 10, 1945 ..... | \$20 00 |         |
|                                       | <hr/>   | \$20 00 |

## CR.

|                      |        |         |
|----------------------|--------|---------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$8 00 |         |
| Uncollected .....    | 12 00  |         |
|                      | <hr/>  | \$20 00 |

## 1945 PROPERTY TAXES.

## DR.

|                                      |             |             |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total Personal and Real Estate Taxes |             |             |
| Committed .....                      | \$41,523 36 |             |
| Interest .....                       | 15 93       |             |
|                                      | <hr/>       | \$41,539 29 |

## CR.

|                                   |             |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Paid Treasurer .....              | \$36,823 31 |             |
| Abated .....                      | 344 37      |             |
| Subsequent Tax Title Credit ..... | 94 25       |             |
| Uncollected .....                 | 4,277 36    |             |
|                                   | <hr/>       | \$41,539 29 |

Total Tax Refunds for 1945 ..... \$6 09

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR P. DALTON,

Collector of Taxes.

January 1, 1946.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE.

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### TEMPORARY AID.

#### RESOURCES.

|                                       |          |            |
|---------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Town Appropriation .....              |          | \$3,000 00 |
| Transferred to Snow Removal Account   | \$300 00 |            |
| Transferred to Road Machinery Account | 350 00   |            |
| Expended .....                        | 2,135 01 |            |
| Unexpended .....                      | 214 99   |            |
|                                       | <hr/>    | \$3,000 00 |

### DETAILED EXPENDITURES.

#### MENDON SETTLED CASES.

|                              |          |          |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|
| One family in own home ..... | \$112 00 |          |
| One person in own home ..... | 246 24   |          |
| One person in own home ..... | 37 00    |          |
|                              | <hr/>    | \$395 24 |

### CASES WITH NO SETTLEMENT, CHARGEABLE

#### TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF WELFARE.

|                                  |          |            |
|----------------------------------|----------|------------|
| One person in private home ..... | \$348 75 |            |
| One person in private home ..... | 125 00   |            |
| One family in own home .....     | 121 50   |            |
| One family in own home .....     | 428 36   |            |
| One family in own home .....     | 710 16   |            |
|                                  | <hr/>    | \$1,733 77 |

## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

|                                    |       |        |
|------------------------------------|-------|--------|
| Greater Boston Community Council,  |       |        |
| Social Index .....                 | 5 00  |        |
| Mass. Welfare Agents' Association, |       |        |
| dues, 1945 .....                   | 1 00  |        |
|                                    | <hr/> | \$6 00 |

## PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF ABOVE EXPENSES.

|                              |            |            |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|
| State of Massachusetts ..... | \$1,733 77 |            |
| Town of Mendon's Share ..... | 401 24     |            |
|                              | <hr/>      | \$2,135 01 |

Respectfully submitted,

SILAS H. DUDLEY, Chairman,  
 ROY A. BARROWS,  
 D. VICTOR SMITH,

Board of Public Welfare.

## REPORT OF AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN.

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|                                                |            |            |
|------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Town Appropriation, Annual Meeting             | \$1,500 00 |            |
| Town Appropriation, Special Town Meeting ..... | 1,200 00   |            |
| Federal Grant .....                            | 693 00     |            |
|                                                | <hr/>      | \$3,393 00 |

### Expended:

|                  |            |
|------------------|------------|
| Direct Aid ..... | \$2,899 00 |
| Unexpended ..... | 494 00     |

### DISTRIBUTION OF ABOVE AMOUNTS.

|                          |          |            |
|--------------------------|----------|------------|
| Federal Government ..... | \$754 00 |            |
| State .....              | 966 31   |            |
| Town's Share .....       | 1,178 69 |            |
|                          | <hr/>    | \$2,899 00 |

Aided Four Cases in 1945.

### Amounts Due Town:

|                                                    |          |          |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| State, for July thru December .....                | \$475 98 |          |
| Federal Government for November and December ..... | 121 00   |          |
|                                                    | <hr/>    | \$596 98 |

Respectfully submitted,

D. VICTOR SMITH,  
Agent.

## REPORT OF THE BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE.

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### Resources:

|                                                        |             |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Appropriation .....                                    | \$10,700 00 |
| Received from Federal Grant, Direct<br>Aid .....       | 7,593 54    |
| Received from Federal Grant, Admin-<br>istration ..... | 253 05      |
| Federal Funds on Hand, Jan. 1, 1945                    | 88 34       |
| Total Resources .....                                  | \$18,634 93 |

### Expended:

|                          |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| For Direct Aid .....     | \$17,772 70 |
| For Administration ..... | 362 86      |
| Total Expended .....     | \$18,135 56 |
| Unexpended .....         | 499 37      |
|                          | \$18,634 93 |

### SUMMARY.

|                                                      |             |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Federal Government's Share .....                     | \$7,752 26  |
| State of Massachusetts .....                         | 6,680 28    |
| Mendon's Share .....                                 | 3,340 16    |
| Federal Government's Share Adminis-<br>tration ..... | 341 39      |
| Mendon's Share Administration .....                  | 21 47       |
|                                                      | \$18,135 56 |



## Money Received 1945:

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Federal Grant for Aid .....         | \$7,593 54 |
| Federal Grant, Administration ..... | 253 05     |
| State of Massachusetts .....        | 6,707 06   |
| Town of Holliston .....             | 30 59      |

## Money Due Town:

|                                                                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Federal Government for November and<br>December, 1945 .....                         | \$1,373 00 |
| State of Massachusetts, September,<br>October, November and December,<br>1945 ..... | 2,365 84   |
| Town of Holliston .....                                                             | 47 15      |
| Town of Easthampton .....                                                           | 24 05      |

Respectfully submitted,

D. VICTOR SMITH,  
Agent.

SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF THE TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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The Trustees of the Taft Public Library present the report of the Librarian and the Financial Report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1945.

This year the Trustees regretfully accepted the resignation of Mrs. Verena R. Daley, who has faithfully served as Librarian for twenty-one years. We wish to thank her in behalf of the Townspeople for the splendid work she has done.

The resignation of Raymond Daley, Janitor, was also received, and Raymond Dudley appointed at a salary of \$100.00 a year.

Mrs. Vestella Daniels has been appointed Librarian and is carrying on the work in a capable manner.

The old steps have been replaced with new ones.

New books have been added during the year, in line with our policy of keeping our Library up to date.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD T. WHITING, Secretary,  
ROY BARROWS,  
PERCY ROWE,  
LEONARD ROGERS,  
MRS. LENA W. GEORGE,

Library Trustees.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Appropriation ..... | \$650 00 |
|---------------------|----------|

Expenditures:

|                                       |         |          |
|---------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Lake Nipmuc Ice Co., wood .....       | \$17 50 |          |
| Worcester Sub. Electric Co. ....      | 11 00   |          |
| Barney Coal Co., coal .....           | 79 65   |          |
| Gaylord Bros., Inc. ....              | 1 60    |          |
| Crossett & Williams, Publishers ..... | 1 65    |          |
| Verena R. Daley, salary .....         | 225 00  |          |
| Cadmus Books .....                    | 13 20   |          |
| Hart Publishing Co. ....              | 2 32    |          |
| Nina M. Burr, magazines .....         | 30 35   |          |
| Richard Harding, Scout Pamphlets .... | 16 50   |          |
| Edward Whiting, new steps .....       | 60 00   |          |
| Personal Book Shop .....              | 33 82   |          |
| Raymond Dudley, janitor .....         | 100 00  |          |
| Cahill's News Agency, books .....     | 45 55   |          |
|                                       |         | \$638 14 |
| Balance .....                         |         | 11 86    |

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

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TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY:—

The circulation for the year (97 days) was 7,804 volumes. The largest given out in one day was 161, the smallest 26, the average 81. The circulation by classes was as follows: Fiction, 5,194; Magazines, 2,058; Biography, 147; Travel, 81; History, 152; Literature, 30; Useful and Fine Arts, 78; Science, 20; All others, 44.

There are 10,043 volumes in the library. 378 books were added this year. 130 were bought by the Town, 62 with the Fletcher Fund and 186 were gifts.

The library subscribes to the American Magazine, American Home, Atlantic Monthly, Better Homes and Gardens, Boy's Life, Child Life, Colliers', Good Housekeeping, Instructor, Ladies' Home Journal, Life, McCalls', National Geographic, Popular Mechanics, Reader's Digest, Red Book, Saturday Evening Post and Woman's Home Companion.

\$16.88 was received in fines during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

VERENA R. DALEY,

Librarian.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

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TO THE CITIZENS OF MENDON:

Pursuant to Chapter 41, Section 50, of the General Laws, I have examined and checked the accounts of the various Town Officers receiving and disbursing municipal funds for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1945, and find their accounts correctly cast with vouchers carefully filed.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM A. BARRY,

Auditor.

Mendon, January 29, 1946.



# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

OF THE

## TOWN OF MENDON

## MASSACHUSETTS

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1945



# SCHOOL DIRECTORY, 1945—1946.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

|                                   |                   |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Leonard M. Rogers, Chairman ..... | Term expires 1947 |
| John L. Lundvall, Secretary ..... | Term Expires 1948 |
| George F. Lee .....               | Term Expires 1946 |

Regular meetings held at the Center School building on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30 P. M.

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS—PERCY L. ROWE.

The Superintendent may be met every Tuesday and Wednesday at the Mendon Center High School or by appointment.

Office—Center School, Bellingham Center

Office Hours—4 to 5 o'clock P. M. on school days.

Telephone, Office—Milford 152-4

## SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

K. A. Campbell, M. D. .... Telephone, Milford, 102

## SCHOOL NURSE.

Helen C. Grady, R. N., Supervisor ..... Milford District Nursing Association

## JANITOR.

Raymond Barrows ..... Center School

## TRANSPORTATION AGENTS

Harold C. Barrows, Mendon, Mass.

G. Kenneth Taft, Mendon, Mass.

Merton F. Barrows, Mendon, Mass.

## ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Harold C. Barrows

Mendon, Mass.

TEACHERS.

| Name.                       | Subject or Grade.                          | Preparation.                                   | Degrees or Yrs. in Town | Yrs. Ser. |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Henry P. Clough, Principal  | Math., Science, French                     | Dartmouth College and New Hampshire University | B.S. 18th               |           |
| Barbara Hammann             | English, Civics                            | Pembroke College                               | Ed.M.                   | Second    |
| Mary C. McCormack           | Commercial Ed. History                     | Regis College                                  | B.S.                    | First     |
| Frances A. White (Resigned) | Commercial Ed. History                     | Salem State Tea. Col.                          | B.S.                    | Eighth    |
| Eleanor D. McDonough        | Home Economics, General Science, Biology   | Framingham State Tea. Col.                     | B.S.E.                  | First     |
| Anne Sullivan (Resigned)    | Home Economics, General Science, Biology   | Framingham State Tea. Col.                     | B.S.E.                  | Fourth    |
| Rita Manion                 | History, Geography, Physiology, Arithmetic | Regis College                                  | B.A.                    | First     |
| Helen Casey (Resigned)      | History, Geography, Physiology, Arithmetic | Fitchburg State Tea.                           | B.S.                    | Second    |
| Virginia Mayo               | Grades 5 and 6                             | Bridgewater State Tea. Col.                    | B.S.                    | Second    |
| Barbara Seaver              | Grades 4 and 5                             | Framingham State Tea. Col.                     | B.S.E.                  | First     |
| Nancy Serignano             | Grades 4 and 5                             | Emmanuel Col.                                  | B.A.                    | First     |
| Grace Gaskell               | Grades 2 and 3                             | Framingham State Tea. Col.                     | Two                     | Seventh   |
| Bertha Hammann              | Grade 1                                    | Rhode Island College                           | 2½                      | First     |
| Alice V. Freeman            | Grade 1                                    | Perry Kindergarten                             | 3                       |           |
| (Substitute)                |                                            | Normal                                         |                         |           |
| M. Elizabeth Rafter         | Grade 1                                    | Perry Kindergarten                             | 3                       | First     |
| (Resigned)                  |                                            | Normal                                         |                         |           |

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR PERIOD FROM  
JANUARY, 1946 TO JUNE, 1947.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Open January 2, 1946, Close April 12, 1946  
Open April 22, 1946, Close June 14, 1946

SUMMER VACATION.

Open September 4, 1946, Close December 20, 1946  
Open January 6, 1947, Close April 18, 1947  
Open April 28, 1947, Close June 19, 1947

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

Close February 15, 1946  
Open February 25, 1946  
Otherwise, same as High School  
Close June 7, 1946  
Close June 12, 1947

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

February 22, 1946, Washington's Birthday  
May 30, 1946, Memorial Day  
November 11, 1946, Armistice Day  
November 28, November 29, 1946, Thanksgiving and  
Friday following

All legal holidays

### AGE OF ADMISSION TO SCHOOL.

Any child who becomes six years of age on or before January first of the year following the term when he wishes to enter school may be admitted into the first grade, but in every case the admission of a child under six shall be dependent upon the fitness of the child to profit by the work of the school, such fitness to be determined by the superintendent. Pupils under seven years of age who have not previously attended school shall not be permitted to enter later than thirty days after the opening of school in September of any school year.

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### SCHOOL REGULATIONS.

Any complaint or representation which any person desires to make shall be presented or referred in writing to the superintendent of schools, who, in his discretion may bring it before the school committee. In cases of discipline or other school matters relating to their children, parents shall first discuss the matter with the teacher concerned. If for some reason they are not satisfied they will further discuss the matter with the following persons, if necessary, and in the following order: first, the principal of the building and then the superintendent of schools. If, finally, the superintendent has been unable to satisfy the parents, he shall report the case to the school committee for consideration and action.

## REPORT OF SIGHT AND HEARING TESTS.

|                                                    |     |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Number of pupils examined for hearing .....        | 231 |
| Number of pupils retested .....                    | 58  |
| Number of pupils found with hearing loss .....     | 20  |
| Number of pupils tested for vision .....           | 249 |
| Number of pupils retested .....                    | 71  |
| Number of pupils found with defective vision ..... | 35  |
| Number of parents notified .....                   | 35  |

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## THE NO SCHOOL SIGNAL.

It is the policy of the school officials to practically abandon the use of the "no school" signal on account of weather conditions. This is in line with what many other cities and towns are doing. The reasons for so doing are that much confusion has resulted from the use of the "no school" signal, and the realization that the loss of even one school day is a very serious one.

However, there may be days when it is advisable to close schools on account of severe weather conditions or other emergency.

Arrangements have been made with Radio Stations WNAC, WBZ, and WEAN to broadcast the fact whenever it is necessary to close the schools. The siren will also blow two blasts twice at 7.30 A. M.

If schools do not close on any particularly bad day (rain, snow, or cold) parents are requested, and urged, to use their own judgment in sending their children to school.

## SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT.

### RECEIPTS.

|                             |             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| General Appropriation ..... | \$23,047 76 |             |
| Dog Tax, 1945 .....         | 452 24      |             |
| Total Receipts .....        |             | \$23,500 00 |
| Total Expenditures .....    | \$23,498 67 |             |
| Balance .....               |             | 1 33        |

### REIMBURSEMENTS.

|                                          |            |            |
|------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| General School Fund, Part I .....        | \$2,081 25 |            |
| General School Fund, Part II .....       | 3,077 64   |            |
| Superintendent's Salary .....            | 773 33     |            |
| High School Grant .....                  | 885 75     |            |
| Tuition, Transportation State Wards .... | 134 37     |            |
| Total Reimbursements .....               |            | \$6,952 34 |

### TAXATION COST OF SCHOOLS.

|                            |             |             |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total Expenditures .....   | \$23,498 67 |             |
| Reimbursements .....       | 6,952 34    |             |
| Net Cost by Taxation ..... |             | \$16,546 33 |

### EXPENDITURES.

|                                 |          |  |
|---------------------------------|----------|--|
| School Committee Expense .....  | \$28 90  |  |
| School Census .....             | 20 00    |  |
| Superintendent's Salary .....   | 1,019 20 |  |
| Superintendent's Expenses ..... | 160 00   |  |

|                                  |           |             |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Salary of Music Supervisor ..... | 414 08    |             |
| Salaries of Teachers .....       | 12,749 10 |             |
| Textbooks .....                  | 132 62    |             |
| School Supplies .....            | 269 33    |             |
| Wages of Janitor .....           | 1,597 52  |             |
| Fuel .....                       | 1,055 74  |             |
| Janitor's Supplies .....         | 395 75    |             |
| Electricity .....                | 192 58    |             |
| Telephone .....                  | 73 20     |             |
| Repairs .....                    | 472 38    |             |
| Health .....                     | 325 00    |             |
| Transportation .....             | 4,310 26  |             |
| Tuition .....                    | 209 76    |             |
| New Equipment .....              | 73 25     |             |
| Total Expenditures .....         |           | \$23,498 67 |



## REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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Mendon, Massachusetts.  
January 19, 1946.

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF MENDON:

In submitting this annual report to the citizens of Mendon, it is the desire of the School Committee to place before the townspeople pertinent facts and problems which relate to the administration of our school system; some of these problems being the result of the wartime upheaval of salary schedules, and consequent increases in cost of supplies, labor, fuel and repairs.

We have been fortunate in having a complete corps of teachers thruout the whole year, with very few changes during the teaching months, however the committee is trying to keep a long-range teaching program in view, so that the teaching staff turn-over during the summer will be reduced as much as possible. If our teacher salaries are so low in comparison with other towns, that our school becomes a training ground for green teachers, the town and its children suffer thereby, and our money to some extent, benefits the other towns to which the teachers go, rather than ourselves.

Therefore the committee, basing its judgment upon the salary schedules of towns of similar size and assets, have tried, and will try, to keep experienced teachers here, by paying them salaries commensurate with their ability and experience. Knowing the value that most of the people of

Mendon, place on the education of our youth, we feel that they will back up a program having this object in view.

Other items in our budget besides salaries, such as transportation, fuel, text-books, supplies, and repairs, still require increased amounts in our budget, which of course are necessary as the cost of these items depends on the charges made by the manufacturers, contractors, and dealers, rather than on anything which we can control; however this is a country-wide problem and not wholly a local one, so it requires no special explanation.

Specific improvements in our buildings and equipment, will be covered in the report of the Superintendent of Schools and requires no comment here, except that we plan on keeping our schools in the finest shape possible by current upkeep expense, rather than by larger spasmodic repairs, which cost more in the long run.

In general we are striving to furnish to the youth of our town, the top value in education possible for every dollar spent by our taxpayers toward our educational system. We believe that the town has been, and will continue to be, proud of its contribution to the development and education of our share of our nation's youth.

The School Committee wishes herewith, to thank our School Superintendent, Principal, Teachers and Custodian, for their efficient work in our schools, our Transportation agents for their care over the children's safety, and the Citizens and Parents of the town for their interest and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

LEONARD M. ROGERS, Chairman,  
JOHN L. LUNDVALL, Secretary,  
GEORGE F. LEE,

Mendon School Committee.

## P. S. TO THE PUPILS:

Can each one of us realize, as we read this and related reports that, this (The Mendon School System) is not some institution unrelated to me, but is the means which my own Father and Mother, and other taxpayers of Mendon have established and maintained by real sacrifice, to place in MY hands, TOOLS, wherewith I can earn my OWN living in the very near future, becoming, as is the ambition of everyone, a Man or Woman among men, and a VALUABLE citizen of a Great Nation, that THIS is MY VERY OWN SCHOOL, and these teachers are NOT taskmasters, but PERSONAL friends and Partners of a lifetime.

Are WE making the most of a GREAT opportunity?

Sincerely, Leonard M. Rogers.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

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Mendon, Massachusetts,  
January 16, 1946.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF MENDON:  
GENTLEMEN:

It is with pleasure that I submit for your approval my third annual report as Superintendent of Schools of Mendon.

For the first time in nearly four years the schools opened in September under peace-time conditions. Business and industry had already begun to re-convert from war-time to peace-time production. Instead of an aim for all-out war effort, the objective had become an all-out effort for a lasting and enduring peace. Some adjustments have been made in the educational field, and additional changes will have to be made as time goes on. In the lower grades those fundamental habits, attitudes and skills must be taught and learned which enable all pupils to succeed as their education continues. In the upper grades and secondary schools must be taught those subjects which prepare for life and higher education. In addition to these, great stress must be placed on the creation of a better understanding on the part of all students which will enable them to participate with intelligence in world affairs. Only by such education can concepts be established whereby better relationship and inter-relationships among all peoples and all nations be assured.

The total school enrollment figures show a slight decrease from the preceding year. The total enrollment on October

1, 1944 was 262. On October 1, 1945 the enrollment was 249, a decrease of 13. There are 5 less students in the secondary grades, and 8 less in the elementary grades. Beginning in September it was possible in the elementary organization to have a separate grade one, instead of a combination grades one and two, without increasing the number of pupils in any other room.

There have been five changes in the teaching staff during 1945. In the summer Miss Rafter, Miss Serignano, Miss White, Miss Sullivan, and Miss Casey resigned in order to accept better positions elsewhere. Miss Mary C. McCormack, of Gleasondale, was engaged for the commercial position left vacant by the resignation of Miss White. Miss Eleanor D. McDonough, of Lowell, was elected to Miss Sullivan's position in the home economics department. Miss Rita Manion, of Milford, took the place of Miss Casey in grades seven and eight. Miss Barbara Seaver, of Milford, has taken the place of Miss Serignano in grades four and five. Mrs. Bertha Hammann was engaged to fill the primary position left vacant by the resignation of Miss Rafter. Mrs. Alice V. Freeman, of Mendon substituted in this position during September and October until the election of Mrs. Hammann as a regular teacher. A complete list of teachers for the year 1945 is given in the School Directory at the beginning of the School Department Report.

This year the teacher shortage really became serious. It was practically impossible to find teachers, especially in the elementary field. Inexperienced teachers were asking and getting \$1400-\$1500, and could largely choose their own location. Many towns were compelled to open school in September with substitute teachers. This teacher shortage will probably continue for several years more. It would seem advisable that the Town should increase the salaries of all teachers in order to attract them to Mendon, and to keep them, eliminating a 50 or 60 per cent turnover each year.

The general school progress of all pupils has been very satisfactory. Some new textbooks have been purchased. More new ones should be obtained next year to replace worn out books, and those that are rather out of date. Many new supplies and materials of instruction have been put in use in the primary grades.

A good foundation in the lower grades, especially a good reading ability is necessary for satisfactory progress in the succeeding grades, even through the high school level. Regular school attendance and interest in school subjects by all pupils is absolutely necessary for the most satisfactory achievement. If any parent has any question about the progress of their children, the teachers, principal, and superintendent will be very pleased to cooperate with them in any way possible.

At the present time it seems certain that the Town will have to appropriate more money for vocational education. There are now 5 students attending vocational schools, one full time at the Boston Trade School, two full time at the Norfolk County Agricultural School, one full time and one evening at the Worcester Boys' Trade School. It is very likely that there may be more during 1946.

Through the cooperation of the Worcester County Health Association an audiometer was used in the spring to test the hearing of all pupils above the third grade. This machine accurately tests the hearing ability of each individual pupil through the use of ear phones. All doubtful cases were rechecked. Few were found with hearing difficulties, and notices were sent home to parents where such defects were found. The new Massachusetts Vision Test has also been used. This method of eye-testing is far superior to the older method which has previously been in use.

National Education Week was observed in the schools the week of November 11-17. The principal feature of the ob-



servance was an evening session of all pupils, Friday Evening, November 16th. Regular classes were held from seven until nine o'clock. Many parents visited the various classes.

Outstanding among the repairs made was the painting of the exterior of the building. This work was very badly needed. All of the windows in the old part of the building have been tightened and put into good working condition. Repairs were made on the boiler in the summer. A new lining was required, and work was done on the stoker and on the return pump. Many other minor repairs were made. Next year the stoker and motor which operates it, and the return pump and motor will have to be thoroughly overhauled and repaired. Some repairs will need to be made on the boiler. Several classrooms should be painted as no inside painting has been done for several years. The policy of keeping the school plant in continual excellent condition is the most economical in the long run.

In conclusion I wish to express my sincere appreciation for your fine cooperation. I also wish to thank Principal Clough, the teachers, townspeople, parents, pupils, and all who have helped make the school year so successful.

Very truly yours,

PERCY L. ROWE,

Superintendent of Schools.



October 1, 1945

## AGE AND GRADE CHART

| Grade  | AGE |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |       |  |  | Totals |  |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-------|--|--|--------|--|
|        | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  | Boys | Girls |  |  |        |  |
| I      | B   | 1   | 11  | 2   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14   | ...   |  |  |        |  |
|        | G   | 9   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | 9     |  |  |        |  |
| II     | B   | ... | 3   | 7   | 1   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11   | ...   |  |  |        |  |
|        | G   | ... | 3   | 8   | 1   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | 13    |  |  |        |  |
| III    | B   | ... | ... | 1   | 10  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12   | ...   |  |  |        |  |
|        | G   | ... | ... | ... | 3   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | 6     |  |  |        |  |
| IV     | B   | ... | ... | 1   | 1   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 13   | ...   |  |  |        |  |
|        | G   | ... | ... | ... | 7   | 1   | 2   | 2   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | 17    |  |  |        |  |
| V      | B   | ... | ... | 4   | 9   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10   | ...   |  |  |        |  |
|        | G   | ... | ... | ... | 2   | 8   | 1   | ... | ... | ... | 1   | ... | ... | ... | ...  | 8     |  |  |        |  |
| VI     | B   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3   | 9   | 1   | ... | ... | 1   | ... | ... | ... | 16   | ...   |  |  |        |  |
|        | G   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1   | 8   | 1   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | 10    |  |  |        |  |
| VII    | B   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3   | 11  | 5   | 4   | 2   | ... | ... | ... | 25   | ...   |  |  |        |  |
|        | G   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1   | 6   | 1   | 1   | 1   | ... | ... | ... | ...  | 10    |  |  |        |  |
| VIII   | B   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3   | 5   | 1   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9    | ...   |  |  |        |  |
|        | G   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2   | 10  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | 12    |  |  |        |  |
| IX     | B   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5   | 2   | 1   | 1   | ... | 9    | ...   |  |  |        |  |
|        | G   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2   | 6   | 2   | ... | ... | ... | ...  | 10    |  |  |        |  |
| X      | B   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1   | 3   | 1   | ... | ... | 5    | ...   |  |  |        |  |
|        | G   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3   | 4   | 4   | ... | ... | ...  | 11    |  |  |        |  |
| XI     | B   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3   | ... | ... | ... | 3    | ...   |  |  |        |  |
|        | G   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | 7     |  |  |        |  |
| XII    | B   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6   | 1   | ... | 4    | ...   |  |  |        |  |
|        | G   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3   | 1   | ... | ...  | 5     |  |  |        |  |
| Totals | 10  | 17  | 18  | 20  | 22  | 22  | 25  | 26  | 25  | 22  | 16  | 18  | 7   | 1   | 249  | ...   |  |  |        |  |
| Boys   | 1   | 14  | 10  | 12  | 7   | 12  | 16  | 17  | 11  | 12  | 9   | 8   | 2   | ... | 131  | ...   |  |  |        |  |
| Girls  | 9   | 3   | 8   | 8   | 15  | 10  | 9   | 9   | 14  | 10  | 7   | 10  | 5   | 1   | ...  | 118   |  |  |        |  |

## REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL.

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TO MR. PERCY L. ROWE,  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:—

I herewith submit the annual report of the Mendon Center School.

The past year has been one of gradual transition. With the passing of wartime demands and requirements emphasis can once more be placed on education as an essential in peace time living.

Again it seems necessary to stress the desirability of more earnest scholastic achievement on the part of many of our pupils. A significant heed is for additional time to be spent in class preparation through home study. The fact has been stated and repeated in annual reports from time to time. Satisfactory achievement in high school cannot be made without serious home study hours. This fact holds true for all pupils whether in grade seven or in the last years of high school. No pupil can do his best work, regardless of mental ability, without consistent home study. Parents should never be satisfied with the excuse from pupils that all school work has been done in school time.

Only ordinary attainment and in most cases actual subject failure can be expected by those who are unwilling to include in the day's time schedule a period devoted exclusively to home study. Certainly it must be emphasized that no pupil who is not studious and accustomed to daily home study hours can hope to be successful in college or even meet the admission requirements. The indifferent student must necessarily lose

out in competition with those who have built up during the high school years a sound scholastic record and its concomitant mental discipline.

While it is not possible to outline a time schedule of home study correct for all pupils, the following may be a reasonably satisfactory guide. A seventh grade pupil may profitably spend in home study from thirty to forty-five minutes each day; an eighth grade pupil from forty-five minutes to an hour; ninth to twelfth grade pupils from one hour to an hour and a half. Any pupil planning to attend college should devote two hours per day in home study.

Parents are urged to note carefully the report card marks which are issued at the end of every two months during the school year. If there are failures or low marks, they are the joint concern of pupils, parents and teachers. The teachers will be available and interested in discussing pertinent matters with parents when requested.

Graduation exercises of Mendon High School were held June 14, 1945. Eleven pupils received diplomas: Ralph H. Brown, Lorraine I. Carmody, Shirley M. Coleman, Roy A. Johnson, Berneta M. Lowell, Donald H. Phipps, David F. Thomas, Kenneth E. Twitchell, Victor C. Wandres, Charles H. Wood, Glenroy A. Wright. First honors in scholarship were won by Shirley M. Coleman, and second honors by Victor C. Wandres. The Alumni Medal was awarded to Ralph H. Brown.

Prize Speaking was held April 27, 1945 at the Mendon Town Hall. Eight pupils presented selections. First prize was won by Victor C. Wandres; second prize by Berneta M. Lowell; and third prize by Wesley T. Rogers.

A minstrel show was presented at the Town Hall on March 23rd, and on December 7th the Senior Play, *Spring Fever*, was presented.

On November 16, 1945 an evening session of all grades was held in connection with the observance of American Education Week.

Registration figures on December 21, 1945 are as follows: Grade One—19; Grade Two—25; Grade Three—17; Grade Four—29; Grade Five—17; Grade Six—27; Grade Seven—33; Grade Eight—22; Grade Nine—18; Grade Ten—16; Grade Eleven—9; Grade Twelve—9.

Both returning veterans and men still in the armed services who left high school before securing a diploma may apply credits earned through service training programs as school credits. All service courses, specialized study, and initial training periods will be evaluated at the request of the service man, and, when the high school graduation credit requirements have been completed, a high school diploma will be granted. For further information, the high school principal should be consulted.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation and that of the teaching staff for the cooperation and assistance of the Superintendent of Schools, School Committee, and townspeople of Mendon.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. CLOUGH,

Principal.

## SCHOOL NURSE'S ANNUAL REPORT

### FOR 1945.

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TO MR. PERCY L. ROWE,  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:—

The following is submitted as the school nurse's report for the year ending December 31, 1945.

Throughout the year, when school was in session, the nurse visited Center school one day a week, usually on a Tuesday.

The pupils from the first grade throughout the high school were weighed and measured three times and weight slips were sent home to the parents or guardians.

In January, February and March there were a few cases of Scarlet-Fever, Mumps, Whooping-cough and Chicken-pox among the school children, but at no time were these conditions alarming.

At this time home visits were made to check on the sick and to all absentees looking for suspicious cases.

In April the Annual Toxoid Clinic was in progress with thirty children starting the treatment. Eight school children and five pre-school received the three protective doses. The remainder made up of infants and babies received from one to three doses.

In May the State Department of Health loaned an audiometer to the school. The school nurse, assisted by Miss Glidden, a nurse from the State Department of Health, tested the hearing of 231 children. Fifty-eight of these were retested and twenty were found to have a hearing loss.

Home visits were made in the summer months to those whom Dr. Campbell had found with physical defects.

The school nurse also visited at this time the parents of children who were six years of age and preparing to enter school in the fall, advising early vaccination and a general physical examination.

In the fall the nurse assisted Dr. Campbell with the physical examinations of all school children.

The following is a summary of the defects found by Dr. Campbell:

|                         |    |
|-------------------------|----|
| Enlarged tonsils .....  | 31 |
| Adenoids .....          | 2  |
| Heart murmurs .....     | 13 |
| Wax in ears .....       | 17 |
| Cavities of teeth ..... | 68 |
| Skin conditions .....   | 8  |

Notices of these defects were sent to parents or guardians.

The following is a summary of the work done by the nurse within the school building:

|                                                              |     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Cleanliness inspections of pupils .....                      | 395 |
| Classroom inspections of pupils .....                        | 38  |
| Advice given to pupils .....                                 | 184 |
| First aid given to pupils .....                              | 47  |
| Pupils excluded from school .....                            | 25  |
| Pupils inspected for disease .....                           | 225 |
| Health talks to classes .....                                | 20  |
| Talks with teachers regarding pupils .....                   | 116 |
| Home visits investigation absentees or checking illness .... | 158 |

In closing may I thank Mr. Rowe, Mr. Clough and the teaching staff for their cooperation, and the school committee and parents for their understanding and confidence.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN C. GRADY, R. N.,

School Nurse.



## REPORT OF MUSIC SUPERVISOR.

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December 31, 1945.

MR. PERCY L. ROWE,  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,  
MENDON, MASS.

Dear Sir,

I hereby submit my report of work done in music in the schools of Mendon for the year ending December 31, 1945.

Throughout the grades and high school, the proper use of the singing voice has been taught. The pupils in the grades have been encouraged to use head tones. This practice helps to cultivate a true sense of pitch, and avoids any danger of voice strain.

The importance of good posture while singing has been stressed, and the work in musical theory has progressed very satisfactorily.

Many of the well known folk songs and all of the standard patriotic songs have been sung in the grades and in high school. The high school chorus continues to do very fine work. Their singing at the Prize Speaking Contest and at the Graduation Exercises was quite inspiring.

I wish to express my thanks to you, Mr. Rowe, the School Committee, Mr. Clough, and all of the teachers for the co-operation given to me in my work.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID N. GELLATLY,

Supervisor of Music.

# MENDON HIGH SCHOOL PRIZE SPEAKING CONTEST

MENDON TOWN HALL, APRIL 27, 1945.

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|                                         |                                  |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| America—Let's Get Fighting Mad .....    | Rickenbacker<br>Wesley T. Rogers |
| Shall We Have Two More World Wars ..... | Fleming<br>Kenneth L. Phipps     |
| At the Skating Rink .....               | Seeman<br>Berneta M. Lowell      |
| The Pit and The Pendulum .....          | Poe<br>Jacob Oppewal             |
| Selections by the Rhythm Band           |                                  |
| The Eavesdroppers .....                 | Turner<br>Shirley M. Coleman     |
| The Battle of Tenaru River .....        | Thomas<br>Victor C. Wandres      |
| The Laughter of Leen .....              | Richter<br>Patricia Gaskell      |
| The Soul of France .....                | Vandercook<br>Earl W. Rogers     |
| Roses from the South .....              | Strauss<br>High School Chorus    |
| Decision of the Judges                  |                                  |

# GRADUATION EXERCISES OF MENDON HIGH SCHOOL

UNITARIAN CHURCH

THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 1945

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## PROGRAM

Proessional—Pomp and Cirumstance ..... Elgar  
Mr. David M. Gellatly

Invocation

Rev. Roy B. Wintersteen

Salutatory and Essay—Wartime Inventions in  
the World of Peace

Victor C. Wandres

Song—United Nations on the March ..... Shastakovich  
High School Chorus

Essay—Labor Problems in the Postwar World

Berneta M. Lowell

Essay—Aviation in the Postwar World

Ralph H. Brown

Song—Can't Yo' Heah Me Callin', Caroline ..... Roma  
High School Chorus

Essay ..... The Wounded Veteran

David F. Thomas

Essay and Valedictory—Education in the Postwar World  
Shirley M. Coleman

Song—Czecho-Slovakian Dance Song ..... Traditional  
High School Chorus

Award and Diploma Presentation  
Attorney George F. Lee  
Member of School Committee

Star Spangled Banner

Benediction  
Rev. Roy B. Wintersteen

Recessional—God Bless America ..... Berlin  
Mr. David N. Gellatly

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GRADUATES OF MENDON HIGH SCHOOL  
CLASS OF 1945.

Ralph Howard Brown  
Lorraine Irene Carmody  
Shirley Mae Coleman  
Roy Arnold Johnson  
Berneta Martha Lowell  
David Fernald Thomas  
Kenneth Elwin Twitchell  
Victor Charles Wandres  
Charles Herbert Wood  
Glenroy Austin Wright  
Donald Henry Phipps

# TOWN WARRANT

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## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

*Worcester, ss.*

To the Constable of the Town of Mendon in the County of  
Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Mendon qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Mendon on Monday, the fourth day of March A. D., 1946, punctually at 9 o'clock A. M., to act on the following articles, 1 and 2. Article 3 and all following Articles on this Warrant will be acted upon Friday, the eighth day of March at 7 P. M.

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside over said meeting.

Article 2. To bring in their ballots for the following Town Officers: One Town Clerk for one year, One Selectman for three years, One Assessor for three years, One Town Treasurer for one year, a Collector of Taxes for three years, One Auditor for one year, One Constable for one year, One Tree Warden for one year, One Trustee of the Taft Public Library for two years, One Member of the School Committee for three years, One Park Commissioner for three years, One Highway Surveyor for one year, all on one ballot designating the office intended for each person voted for.

Article 3. To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and Committees, and act thereon.

Article 4. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 5. To appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town expenses for the financial year beginning January 1, 1946.

Article 6. To determine the compensation of the Tax Collector for the ensuing year.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to authorize the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1946, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

Article 8. To see if the Town will appropriate any sum of money for Memorial Day services and appoint a committee to expend the same.

Article 9. To see if the Town will appropriate any sum of money for the improvement and repairs of highways, to be expended under the direction of the Massachusetts Department of Public Works as provided under Chapter 81 of the General Laws as amended, or take any action in relation to the same.

Article 10. To see if the Town will appropriate any sum of money for the operation and repairs of Town machinery a part or whole to be taken from the Road Machinery Fund, or take any action in relation to the same.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate any sum of money for the maintenance of Chapter 90 roads, said money to be used in conjunction with any money which

may be allotted by the State and County for the purpose, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate any sum of money for Chapter 90 New Construction provided the State and County will contribute for such work, under the provision of Chapter 90 of the General Laws.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise any sum of money for the care of Soldiers 'and Sailors' graves or take any action in relation to the same.

Article 14. To see what action the Town will take regarding any legal proceedings that may be brought against or by the Town.

Article 15. To see if the Town will appropriate any sum of money for Street lights for the ensuing year.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors with the approval of the Commissioner of Corporation and Taxation to use such an amount of the free cash in the Treasury as in their judgment should be used to reduce the Tax levy of 1946.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to pay for insurance on Town Buildings or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 18. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell any or all real estate owned by the Town by reason of the foreclosure of Tax Title thereon, and to execute, acknowledge, and deliver a proper deed or deeds therefor, authority therefor to terminate March 3, 1947 or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 19. To see if the Town will appropriate any sum of money for the tuition of legal residents of the Town to State-aided vocational schools, such sums to be expended



under the supervision of the School Committee, or take any action in relation to the same.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the action taken at the annual meeting in 1944 whereby it voted to establish a Town Forest on the so-called Robinson property or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to reconsider the action taken at the 1944 annual Town meeting whereby the Town voted to convert the tax title property known as the Robinson property to a Town Forest or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 22. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell the property known as the Robinson property to Charles L. Robinson for an amount equal to taxes outstanding on such property, including taxes to be assessed for the year 1946, together with statutory penalties and interest added thereto.

(This is not a complete Warrant.)

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in said Mendon and causing a copy to be published once in the Milford Daily News, a newspaper published in Milford, Mass., both said posting and publication to be at least seven days before the time of the meeting hereby ordered to be held.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said town before the time of meeting aforesaid.

ROY A. BARROWS,  
D. VICTOR SMITH,  
SILAS H. DUDLEY.

Selectmen of Mendon.

ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE  
TOWN OFFICERS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF MENDON  
INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
FOR THE  
Municipal Year Ending December 31, 1946  
280TH ANNUAL REPORT

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## TOWN OF MENDON.

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Town of Mendon Incorporated May 15, 1667.

Population 1504, 1945 Census.

Registered Voters in 1946: Men, 416. Women, 370. Total, 786.

Annual Election: First Monday in March.

Annual Meeting: First Friday Evening in March.

County Commissioners:

|                                    |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Elbert M. Crockett, Chairman ..... | Milford   |
| George W. Jones .....              | Worcester |
| Francis E. Cassidy .....           | Webster   |

Fourth Congressional District

Congressman, Joseph William Martin, Jr. .... North Attleboro

Fourth Senatorial District

Senator, Joseph S. Virostek .....

Webster

Ninth Worcester Representative District

Representative General Court, Peter F. Fitzgerald, Blackstone

Sheriff for Worcester County

William A. Bennett .....

Worcester

## TOWN OFFICERS.

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### SELECTMEN.

(Selectmen serve as Board of Public Welfare  
Board of Health and Fence Viewers).

Roy A. Barrows      Harold Metcalf      Silas H. Dudley

### TOWN CLERK.

Albert S. Coleman

### TOWN TREASURER.

Moses U. Gaskill

### TAX COLLECTOR.

Arthur P. Dalton

### ASSESSORS.

Carl M. Taft    D. Kinsley Barnes    Charles F. Leonard, Clerk.

### AUDITOR.

William A. Barry

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Leonard M. Rogers      George K. Taft      John L. Lundvall

### TRUSTEES OF TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Silas H. Dudley      Leonard Rogers      Percy Rowe  
Lena W. George      Verena Daley, Secretary

## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

D. Kinsley Barnes  
Fred L. Kempton

Joseph W. McEwen  
Albert S. Coleman, Clerk

## FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Herbert S. Wood

Franklin E. Goodnow

## PARK COMMISSIONERS.

Norry J. Daige      Charles F. Neal, Jr.      Fred Phipps

Constable and Chief of Police ..... Harold C. Barrows

Tree Warden ..... William E. Nuttall

Town Solicitor ..... Shelley D. Vincent

Dog Officer ..... Harold C. Barrows

Public Weigher ..... Martha Dudley

Sealer of Weights and Measures ..... Walter Taylor

Superintendent of Schools ..... Percy Rowe

Fire Chief and Forest Warden ..... Harold F. Lowell

Superintendent of Streets ..... William R. Bowen

Burial Agent ..... Norry J. Daige

Inspectors of Slaughtering ..... Frank Phillips  
Willard Seibert

Inspector of Animals ..... Moses U. Gaskill

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

1946.

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 DOG LICENSED IN 1946.

|                                                             |          |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| 123 Males at \$2.00 each .....                              | \$246 00 |          |
| 27 Females at \$5.00 each .....                             | 135 00   |          |
| 46 Spayed Females at \$2.00 each .....                      | 92 00    |          |
| 2 Kennel Licenses at \$10.00 each .....                     | 20 00    |          |
| 2 Kennel Licenses at \$25.00 each .....                     | 50 00    |          |
|                                                             | <hr/>    | \$543 00 |
| Less Clerk's Fees: 200 Licenses at 20c                      |          | 40 00    |
|                                                             |          | <hr/>    |
| Cash paid Town Treasurer as per<br>monthly statements ..... |          | \$503 00 |

1 Free Military License issued to men  
in armed forces during 1946

Attention is called to the fact that all dogs three months old or more must be licensed at the Town Clerk's office on or before April 1, 1947. No bills are sent for this tax, so please assist the Town Clerk by paying your Dog License promptly. No spayed female license will be issued unless the spayed certificate is presented.

SPORTING LICENSES ISSUED FROM  
JANUARY 1, 1946 TO DECEMBER 31, 1946.

|        |                                   |     |        |          |
|--------|-----------------------------------|-----|--------|----------|
| Series | 1 Resident Citizen Fishing .....  | 88  | \$2.00 | \$176.00 |
|        | 2 Resident Citizen Hunting .....  | 74  | 2.00   | 148.00   |
|        | 3 Resident Citizen Sporting ..... | 94  | 3.25   | 305.50   |
|        | 4 Resident Minor Fishing .....    | 48  | 1.25   | 60.00    |
|        | 6 Resident Citizen Trapping ....  | 1   | 5.25   | 5.25     |
|        | 7 Special non-resident Fishing .. | 4   | 1.50   | 6.00     |
|        | 9 Non-resident Fishing .....      | 2   | 5.25   | 10.50    |
|        | 10 Non-resident Hunting .....     | 1   | 10.25  | 10.25    |
|        | 12 Duplicates .....               | 2   | .50    | 1.00     |
|        | 15 Resident Citizen Sporting .... |     |        |          |
|        | (70 years and over) free .....    | 12  | .....  | .....    |
|        | 16 Resident Military, free .....  | 6   | .....  | .....    |
|        | 17 Resident Fishing (Old Age      |     |        |          |
|        | Asst.) free .....                 | 1   | .....  | .....    |
|        |                                   |     |        | <hr/>    |
|        |                                   |     |        | \$722.50 |
|        | Fees retained by Clerk .....      | 312 | .25    | 78.00    |
|        |                                   |     |        | <hr/>    |
|        | Amount paid Division of Fisheries |     |        |          |
|        | and Game as per monthly reports   |     |        | \$644.50 |



## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1946.

| Date of Birth<br>1946 |    | Name of Child             | Name of Parents with Maiden Name of Mother |
|-----------------------|----|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Jan.                  | 7  | Richard Ernest White      | Ernest A. and Theda P. Knights             |
|                       | 21 | Faith Adele Kinnecome     | Willard Edwin and Ruth A. Lyon             |
| Feb.                  | 5  | Baby Fino                 | Francis and Thelma Randor                  |
| Mar.                  | 7  | Ellen Beverly VanderSluis | Robert and Elizabeth Heerd                 |
|                       | 16 | Brian Richard Hutchinson  | Arthur L. and Marion A. Robbins            |
| April                 | 6  | Baby Wilkinson            | Samuel R. and Josephine Creasia            |
|                       | 3  | Patricia O'Grady          | Edwin G. and Mary R. West                  |
| June                  | 3  | Baby Roy                  | Arthur and Virginia Longton                |
|                       | 17 | Charles Herbert Roy       | Wilfred J. and Beatrice Garceau            |
| July                  | 5  | David Michael Taggart     | Gordon V. and Melina Accorsi               |
|                       | 6  | Stephen Howard Welch      | Stanley and Marion Bray                    |
|                       | 14 | Charles Wm. Calcagni, 2d  | Charles W. and Bernice H. Beiersdorf       |
|                       | 14 | Patricia Ann Oliver       | William E. and Gertrude M. McCauley        |
|                       | 30 | Robert Joseph Mason       | Norman S. and Clara Boover                 |
|                       | 10 | David Arthur Kearsley     | Donald W. and Ruth Dalton                  |
| Aug.                  | 21 | Dennis Blanchet           | Leo H. and Florence Carlson                |
|                       | 24 | Elaine Joan Youngsma      | Peter A. and Gladys VanderSluis            |
| Sept.                 | 14 | Sandra Marie Allen        | Donald J. and Alice Allaire                |
|                       | 18 | Susan Mary Barrows        | Vernon A. and Emma Taft                    |
|                       | 28 | Robin Hersey Longton      | Clayton A. and Eleanor F. Hersey           |
|                       | 3  | Stuart Eben Denton        | Ian O. and Priscilla Wood                  |
| Oct.                  | 14 | Marilee Forbes Woleck     | George and Marion G. Spillman              |
|                       | 19 | Baby Faneuf               | Allen and Irene Levesque                   |
|                       | 21 | Charles Raymond Kelley    | Charles and June Wright                    |
|                       | 25 | John Patrick Grant        | William and Mary M. Foley                  |
|                       | 25 | David Laurence Robinson   | Laurence R. and Marjorie J. Kell           |
|                       | 26 | Roxie Ann Barrows         | Merton F. and Janet L. Smith               |
| Nov.                  | 7  | Joan Biedrzycki           | Raymond F. and Katherine R. King           |
|                       | 27 | Patricia Marie Smith      | Eugene F. and Mary H. Dmytryck             |
| Dec.                  | 13 | David Alan Racicot        | Louis S. and Dorothy R. Halsing            |
|                       | 15 | David Crawford Glenn, Jr. | David C. and Elizabeth Miner               |
|                       | 16 | Richard Ernest Taft       | George K. and Lois J. Lawrence             |

## MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1946.

| Date of Marriage 1946 | Place of Marriage      | Names                   | Residence           |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Jan. 5                | Mendon                 | Clayton A. Longton      | Mendon              |
|                       |                        | Eleanor F. Hersey       | Mendon              |
| Feb. 15               | Hopedale               | William Henry Eaton     | Mendon              |
|                       |                        | Joanne Hilda Beal       | West Medway, Mass.  |
| Mar. 13               | Blackstone, Mass.      | Benjamin J. A. Levesque | Blackstone, Mass.   |
|                       |                        | Suzanne Lasher          | Mendon              |
| May 11                | Mendon                 | George A. Johnson       | Mendon              |
|                       |                        | Doris Goodwin Devoll    | Mendon              |
|                       | 14 Northbridge         | Donald E. Fisher        | Mendon              |
|                       |                        | Barbara E. Twaddell     | Franklin, Mass.     |
|                       | 18 Milford             | John A. Whalen          | Mendon              |
|                       |                        | Alice Dias              | Milford, Mass.      |
| June 15               | Hopedale               | Louis R. Hickmott, Jr.  | Mendon              |
|                       |                        | Evelyn M. Randor        | Mendon              |
|                       | 22 Milford             | Peter Noesky            | Mendon              |
|                       |                        | Camilla Brenna          | Milford, Mass.      |
| Aug. 29               | Whitinsville           | Peter Oppewal           | Mendon              |
|                       |                        | Mary E. Ferwerda        | Northbridge, Mass.  |
|                       | 30 Slatersville, R. I. | Carlton L. Goss         | Blackstone, Mass.   |
|                       |                        | Mildred A. Taft         | Mendon              |
|                       | 31 Douglas, Mass.      | Joseph Taylor           | Mendon              |
|                       |                        | Helen B. DeVries        | East Douglas, Mass. |
| Sept. 2               | Hopedale               | Thomas Tycks            | Blackstone, Mass.   |
|                       |                        | Theresa M. Tetreault    | Mendon              |
|                       | 21 Bellingham          | Donald A. Thomas        | Bellingham, Mass.   |
|                       |                        | Rosamond F. Coe         | Mendon              |
|                       | 28 Milford             | Eric K. Swanson         | Mendon              |
|                       |                        | Grace E. Mitchell       | Milford, Mass.      |
| Oct. 5                | Hopkinton, Mass.       | Herbert H. Pickard      | Mendon              |
|                       |                        | Dorothy B. Rice         | Woodville, Mass.    |
|                       | 12 Hopedale            | William E. Hackenson    | Mendon              |
|                       |                        | Frances E. Cichanowicz  | Hopedale, Mass.     |
|                       | 26 Hopedale            | Anthony F. Pettinelli   | Mendon              |
|                       |                        | Olga A. Guglielmi       | Hopedale, Mass.     |
|                       | 26 Milford             | William J. Quirk        | Mendon              |
|                       |                        | Emma R. Diomedes        | Milford, Mass.      |
|                       | 26 Milford             | Kenneth L. Phipps       | Mendon              |
|                       |                        | Carol J. Hook           | Mendon              |
| Nov. 10               | Mendon                 | Harry F. Kushnir        | Mendon              |
|                       |                        | Helen Radzuik           | Mendon              |
|                       | 15 Milford             | Harding E. Boover       | Mendon              |
|                       |                        | Hallie Reed Lenderman   | Mendon              |
|                       | 20 Norfolk, Mass.      | Wesley C. Shattuck      | Mendon              |
|                       |                        | Marjorie H. Barrows     | Mendon              |

# DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1946.

| Date of<br>Death<br>1946 | Name                       | Age |    |       | Cause of Death                                |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----|----|-------|-----------------------------------------------|
|                          |                            | Y   | M  | D     |                                               |
| Jan. 3                   | Annie McBride              | 80  | 0  | 0     | Coronary occlusion                            |
| 5                        | Josephine A. (Wade) Zimmer | 94  | 9  | 1     | Myocarditis                                   |
| 23                       | Walter Scott Alger         | 79  | 0  | 0     | Hypertensive cardiovascular                   |
| Feb. 4                   | Edward Gilbert Harvey      | 9   | 5  | 0     | Bullet wounds of intestine                    |
| 7                        | Baby Fino                  | 0   | 0  | 1     | Meningocele                                   |
| 3                        | Florence R. (Braman) Hall  | 72  | 5  | 10    | Terminal broncho-pneumonia                    |
| 14                       | William George Larking     | 76  | 7  | 19    | Anuria-uremic                                 |
| 26                       | Susan F. O'Sullivan        | 72  | 0  | 0     | Carcinoma of stomach                          |
| 3                        | Baby Roy                   |     | 7  | hours | Prematurity                                   |
| 14                       | James Arthur Eugene Brown  | 68  | 1  | 16    | Chronic myocarditis                           |
| July 11                  | Joaquin Leite              | 63  | 0  | 0     | Probably coronary occlusion<br>in Lake Nipmuc |
| Aug. 2                   | Grace W. (Brown) Steere    | 71  | 5  | 10    | Cardio-renal disease                          |
| 26                       | Ernest L. Barrows          | 82  | 7  | 17    | Carcinoma of right maxilla                    |
| Sept. 23                 | Charles Henry Tisdale      | 74  | 3  | 5     | Generalized arterio-sclerosis                 |
| Nov. 13                  | Freeman C. Lowell          | 72  | 11 | 27    | Coronary embolus-bulbar paralysis             |
| 25                       | Doris Germaine Lamothe     | 33  | 8  | 12    | Coronary thrombosis                           |
| Dec. 30                  | Walter Albert Gaskill      | 85  | 7  | 0     | Massive cerebral hemorrhage                   |

Parents and others are requested to carefully examine the above lists and if any errors or omissions are discovered report them at once to the town clerk, that the record may be corrected, as it is of importance that the records of Vital Statistics should be complete. Herewith are extracts from the General Laws, Chapter 46.

GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 46, SECTION 3.

(As Amended by Chapter 281, Section 1, Acts of 1925).

Every physician, or hospital medical officer registered under section nine of chapter one hundred and twelve, in this chapter called officer, shall keep a record of the birth of every child in cases of which he was in charge, showing date and place of birth, the name, if any, of the child, its sex and color, the name, age, birthplace, occupation and residence (including the street number, if any, and the ward number, if in a city) of each parent, the maiden name of the mother and the name of the physician or officer, if any, personally attending the birth. If the child is illegitimate, the name of, and other facts relating to the father shall not be set forth except upon written request of both the father and mother; provided, that if an illegitimate child shall have become legitimate by the intermarriage of his parents and the acknowledgment of his father, as provided in section seven of chapter one hundred and ninety, prior to the mailing or delivery of any report herein required, such report shall read, in all respects, as if such child had been born to such parents in lawful wedlock. Said physician or officer shall, within fifteen days after such birth, mail or deliver to the clerk or registrar of the town where such birth occurred, a report stating the facts hereinabove required to be shown on said record and also the said written request, if any; provided, that if said report is not so made within forty-eight hours after such birth, said physician or officer shall, within said forty-eight hours, mail or deliver to said clerk or registrar

a notice stating the date and place of the birth, the street number, if any, the ward number, if in a city, and the family name. Upon presentation to him of a certificate of the town clerk stating that any such birth has been duly reported, the town treasurer shall pay to such physician or officer a fee of twenty-five cents for each birth so reported. Any physician or any such officer violating any provision of this section shall forfeit not more than twenty-five dollars. The said town clerk or registrar shall file daily with the local board of health a list of all births reported to him, showing, as to each, the date of birth, sex, color, family name, residence, ward and physician or officer in charge.

#### GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 46, SECTION 6.

Parents, within forty days after the birth of a child, and every householder, within forty days after a birth in his house, shall cause notice thereof to be given to the clerk of the town where such child is born \* \* \*.

Blanks may be obtained upon application to the town clerk.

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### NOTICE

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#### SOME OF THE MANY

##### REASONS WHY BIRTHS SHOULD BE RECORDED.

To establish identity.

To prove nationality.

To prove legitimacy.

To show when the child has the right to enter school.

To show when the child has the right to seek employment under the child labor law.

To establish the right of inheritance to property.

To establish liability to military duty, as well as exemption therefrom.

To establish age and citizenship in order to vote.

To qualify to hold title to, and to buy or sell real estate.

To establish the right to hold public office.

To prove the age at which the marriage contract may be entered into.

To prove age to determine validity of a contract entered into by an alleged minor.

To prove age for Old Age Assistance.

To prove age so as to have the right to take Civil Service Examinations.

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Parents be sure to record the birth of your child with given name in full.

Your co-operation to the end that all births may be properly recorded will be greatly appreciated.

Your attention is called to the provisions of Section 36 and 55 of Chapter 207 of the General Laws relating to marriages solemnized out of this state, which are as follows:

"Section 29 of Chapter 151 of the Revised Laws: If a marriage is solemnized in another state between parties living in this Commonwealth who return to dwell here they shall, within seven days after their return, file with the clerk or registrar of the city or town in which either of them lived



at the time of their marriage, a certificate or declaration of their marriage, including the facts relative to marriages, which are required by law, and for neglect thereof shall forfeit ten dollars."

Blanks for the return of all Vital records can be obtained from the Town Clerk.

I take this opportunity in wishing the Townspeople a very prosperous year during 1947.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT S. COLEMAN,

Town Clerk.

Mendon, January 1, 1947.



## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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The Treasurer of the Town of Mendon submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1946.

The Treasurer debits himself with receiving the following amounts:—

|                                            |             |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Cash balance Jan. 1, 1946 .....            | \$25,490 03 |
| Licenses .....                             | 2,195 00    |
| High School Tuition .....                  | 1,759 00    |
| County Treasurer, Dog License Refund ..... | 454 55      |
| U. S. Government, Water Project .....      | 1,500 00    |
| State, Sup't. of Schools .....             | 773 33      |
| Gaskill and Bates, Cemetery Fund .....     | 200 00      |
| State Highways, Con. 9446 .....            | 512 86      |
| County Highways, Con. 9446 .....           | 512 86      |
| State, Highway Fund .....                  | 2,734 76    |
| State, Highways, Con. 4395 .....           | 1,750 52    |
| State, School Fund, Part II .....          | 3,146 75    |
| State, Vocational Education .....          | 117 74      |
| Inspection of Meats .....                  | 225 50      |
| State, Forestry Dep't. ....                | 100 00      |
| State, Temporary Aid, Transportation ..... | 961 82      |
| State, Tuition and Transportation .....    | 230 23      |
| State, Dep't. of Public Health .....       | 329 28      |
| State, Inspection of Animals .....         | 75 00       |
| Town of Holliston, O. A. A. ....           | 47 15       |
| Town of Eastham, O. A. A. ....             | 24 05       |
| State, Veterans' Aid and Pensions .....    | 55 00       |
| State, Corporation Tax, B .....            | 3,655 12    |
| State, Income Tax .....                    | 6,929 15    |
| State, Div. of Highways, Con. 4575 ....    | 8,100 00    |
| State, Old Age Assistance .....            | 8,030 89    |

|                                              |          |
|----------------------------------------------|----------|
| Town Annals .....                            | 4 00     |
| Ernest Mellen, Town Hall Rent .....          | 268 00   |
| Town Clerk, Dog License Fees .....           | 503 00   |
| H. A. Daniels Co., Refund on Insurance ..... | 34 06    |
| District Court, Fines .....                  | 10 00    |
| Proprietor's Records .....                   | 5 00     |
| State, Aid to Dependent Children .....       | 972 31   |
| Fees from Hay Scales .....                   | 18 00    |
| Sealer of Weights and Measures .....         | 6 30     |
| Library Fines .....                          | 34 00    |
| State, Meal Tax .....                        | 649 46   |
| Road Machinery Fund .....                    | 2,929 25 |
| Old Age Assistance, U. S. Grant .....        | 8,487 31 |
| Aid to Dependent Children, U. S. Grant ..... | 753 00   |

Collector of Taxes, Arthur P. Dalton:

|                                |                    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1945, Property Taxes .....     | \$4,388 92         |
| 1945, Motor Excise Taxes ..... | 106 63             |
| 1946, Motor Excise Taxes ..... | 2,044 74           |
| 1946, Poll Taxes .....         | 756 95             |
| 1946, Property Taxes .....     | 44,427 96          |
| Total Receipts .....           | <hr/> \$136,309 48 |
| Total Payments .....           | 106,479 74         |
| Cash Balance .....             | <hr/> \$29,829 74  |

The Treasurer credits himself with paying the following amounts:—

|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Public Welfare .....            | \$2,161 76 |
| Old Age Assistance .....        | 21,688 25  |
| Aid to Dependent Children ..... | 3,036 00   |
| Support of Schools .....        | 27,462 31  |
| Vocational Education .....      | 639 66     |
| Moth Scout .....                | 194 80     |
| Snow Removal .....              | 3,373 93   |
| General Repairs .....           | 999 15     |

|                                         |              |    |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------|----|
| Fire Department .....                   | 695          | 37 |
| Chapter 81, Highways .....              | 11,699       | 87 |
| Library .....                           | 544          | 72 |
| County Hospital .....                   | 2,442        | 17 |
| Insurance .....                         | 725          | 26 |
| Incidentals .....                       | 2,938        | 54 |
| Street Lights .....                     | 627          | 00 |
| Officers' Clerk .....                   | 273          | 21 |
| Board of Health .....                   | 1,195        | 65 |
| Welcome Home .....                      | 998          | 98 |
| Road Machinery Account .....            | 2,726        | 16 |
| Town Officers' Salaries .....           | 2,032        | 72 |
| Officers' Bonds .....                   | 92           | 25 |
| Forest Fires .....                      | 482          | 29 |
| Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves .....     | 20           | 00 |
| Park Dep't. ....                        | 75           | 30 |
| County Treasurer, Dog License Fees .... | 501          | 20 |
| County Tax .....                        | 2,766        | 61 |
| State Tax .....                         | 1,200        | 00 |
| State Parks .....                       | 90           | 63 |
| Not Returning Report .....              | 8            | 00 |
| School House Notes and Interest .....   | 2,360        | 00 |
| Tree Warden .....                       | 271          | 55 |
| Police Dep't. ....                      | 1,030        | 26 |
| Memorial Day .....                      | 113          | 93 |
| Tax Refunds .....                       | 12           | 81 |
| Chapter 90, Maintenance .....           | 2,999        | 52 |
| Chapter 90, Construction .....          | 7,999        | 88 |
| Total Payments .....                    | \$106,479 74 |    |

## F. N. THAYER CEMETERY FUND.

## Dr.

|                               |         |    |
|-------------------------------|---------|----|
| To Cash in Savings Bank ..... | \$19    | 40 |
| To Cash Received .....        | 3       | 50 |
| To Interest Received .....    | 41      |    |
|                               | <hr/>   |    |
|                               | \$23 31 |    |

## MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriation ..... \$125 00

Expended:

Milford Victory Band ..... \$40 00

Lakeside Flower Shop, wreath ..... 5 00

Charles F. Leonard, wreath ..... 5 00

C. C. Shattuck, supplies ..... 37 34

Jean's Flower Shop ..... 1 50

Wm. F. Draper Camp ..... 7 50

Clayton Parkinson, wreath ..... 5 00

Roger L. Wood A. L. Post ..... 10 00

R. F. Harding ..... 2 59

Total Expended ..... \$113 93

Unexpended ..... 11 07

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\$125 00

## INSURANCE ON TOWN BUILDINGS.

Appropriation ..... \$725 26

Paid Donald F. Lowell ..... 725 26

## BONDS OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation ..... \$100 00

Expended ..... \$92 25

Unexpended ..... 7 75

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\$100 00

## WELCOME HOME DAY.

Appropriation ..... \$1,000 00

Expended:

Holman, Caterer ..... \$285 25

Entertainment and parade ..... 279 55

Decorations ..... 153 50

Expended:

Assessors:

|          |                                       |
|----------|---------------------------------------|
| \$250 00 | Charles F. Leonard .....              |
| 100 00   | Carl M. Tait .....                    |
| 100 00   | Edward Whiting .....                  |
| 125 00   | Town Clerk, Albert S. Coleman .....   |
| 350 00   | Town Treasurer, M. U. Gaskill .....   |
| 643 37   | Tax Collector, Arthur P. Dalton ..... |
|          | Selectmen and Welfare:                |
| 158 35   | Silas H. Dudley .....                 |
| 165 00   | Roy A. Barrows .....                  |
| 67 50    | Harold Metcalf .....                  |
| 13 50    | D. Victor Smith .....                 |
| 25 00    | Constable, Harold C. Barrows .....    |
| 25 00    | Auditor, William A. Barry .....       |
| 10 00    | Moderator, John Driscoll .....        |

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 \$2,032 72

## EXCISE TAX REFUND.

Expended 1946 ..... \$2 25

## PERSONAL TAX REFUND.

Expended 1946 ..... \$6 36

## REAL ESTATE TAX REFUND.

Expended 1946 ..... \$4 20

## SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Appropriation ..... \$1,000 00

Unexpended ..... 1,000 00

## SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' GRAVES.

Appropriation ..... \$20 00

Paid Swandale Cemetery Association .... 20 00

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| Postage .....        | 5 53     |
| Use of Car .....     | 6 00     |
| Recording Fees ..... | 96 64    |
|                      | <hr/>    |
|                      | \$199 44 |

#### TOWN HALL.

|                                  |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Carpenter Work .....             | \$6 00   |
| Lights .....                     | 12 90    |
| Fuel .....                       | 305 91   |
| Janitor and Extra Services ..... | 313 00   |
| Supplies .....                   | 43 27    |
|                                  | <hr/>    |
|                                  | \$681 08 |

#### TOWN TREASURER.

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| Postage .....        | \$58 00    |
| Supplies .....       | 19 35      |
| Use of Auto .....    | 15 00      |
|                      | <hr/>      |
|                      | \$92 35    |
| Total Expended ..... | \$2,938 54 |

#### WORCESTER COUNTY HOSPITAL.

|                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Appropriation .....        | \$2,442 17 |
| Paid County Hospital ..... | 2,442 17   |

#### STREET LIGHTS.

|                                                |          |
|------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Appropriation .....                            | \$627 00 |
| Paid Worcester Suburban Electric Company ..... | 627 00   |

#### SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Appropriation .....                 | \$2,025 00 |
| Transferred from Reserve Fund ..... | 7 72       |
| Total .....                         | <hr/>      |
|                                     | \$2,032 72 |

|                                  |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Care of Record Room .....        | 50 00    |
| Carpenter Labor .....            | 8 30     |
| Barney Coal Co., Fuel .....      | 16 67    |
| Fairbanks & Bartlett, Fuel ..... | 43 95    |
| Toll Calls .....                 | 24 65    |
| Lights .....                     | 11 14    |
| <hr/>                            |          |
|                                  | \$194 61 |

## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| Street Lists ..... | \$75 70  |
| Printing .....     | 7 80     |
| Payrolls .....     | 149 00   |
| <hr/>              |          |
|                    | \$232 50 |

## SELECTMEN.

|                                                        |         |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Dues to Worcester County Selectmen's Association ..... | \$9 00  |
| Selectmen's Association Meeting .....                  | 15 00   |
| Postage .....                                          | 4 86    |
| Supplies .....                                         | 38 70   |
| <hr/>                                                  |         |
|                                                        | \$67 56 |

## TAX COLLECTOR.

|                                                                  |          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Dues Massachusetts Collector's and Treasurer's Association ..... | \$4 00   |
| Notices .....                                                    | 10 25    |
| Postage .....                                                    | 39 50    |
| Printing and Supplies .....                                      | 88 66    |
| Use of Automobile .....                                          | 10 00    |
| <hr/>                                                            |          |
|                                                                  | \$152 41 |

## TOWN CLERK.

|                                        |         |
|----------------------------------------|---------|
| Supplies and Printing .....            | \$43 97 |
| Expenses to Town Clerk's Meetings .... | 47 30   |



## PUBLIC WEIGHER.

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Martha Dudley ..... | \$10 60 |
|---------------------|---------|

|  |         |
|--|---------|
|  | \$10 60 |
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## DOG OFFICER.

|                              |         |
|------------------------------|---------|
| Harold Barrows, salary ..... | \$10 00 |
|------------------------------|---------|

|                                     |       |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| Harold Barrows, killings, etc. .... | 16 00 |
|-------------------------------------|-------|

|  |         |
|--|---------|
|  | \$26 00 |
|--|---------|

## TOWN COUNSEL.

|                                  |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Shelley D. Vincent, salary ..... | \$100 00 |
|----------------------------------|----------|

|                                        |       |
|----------------------------------------|-------|
| Preparation and trial, two cases ..... | 75 00 |
|----------------------------------------|-------|

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|--|----------|
|  | \$175 00 |
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## INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING.

|                                 |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| Frank R. Phillips, salary ..... | \$25 00 |
|---------------------------------|---------|

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|--|---------|
|  | \$25 00 |
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## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

|                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Kenneth Phipps, delivering Town |  |
|---------------------------------|--|

|               |         |
|---------------|---------|
| Reports ..... | \$10 00 |
|---------------|---------|

|                                        |        |
|----------------------------------------|--------|
| Charlescraft Press, Town Reports ..... | 240 00 |
|----------------------------------------|--------|

|                              |       |
|------------------------------|-------|
| Miscellaneous Expenses ..... | 43 85 |
|------------------------------|-------|

|                             |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| Printing and Supplies ..... | 84 25 |
|-----------------------------|-------|

|                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Milford Daily News, Notices and |  |
|---------------------------------|--|

|                |        |
|----------------|--------|
| Warrants ..... | 106 30 |
|----------------|--------|

|                                       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Ward Stationers, Engraving and Print- |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|

|           |       |
|-----------|-------|
| ing ..... | 97 50 |
|-----------|-------|

|  |          |
|--|----------|
|  | \$581 90 |
|--|----------|

## RECORD ROOM.

|                           |        |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Cleaning Oil Burner ..... | \$3 50 |
|---------------------------|--------|

|                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| Mowing Lawn ..... | 4 00 |
|-------------------|------|

|               |       |
|---------------|-------|
| Postage ..... | 12 00 |
|---------------|-------|

|                             |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| Printing and Supplies ..... | 20 40 |
|-----------------------------|-------|

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

## INCIDENTALS.

|                   |                                       |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| \$2,750 00        | Appropriation .....                   |
| 188 54            | Transferred from the Reserve Fund ... |
| <u>\$2,938 54</u> | Total .....                           |
|                   | Expended:                             |

## BALLOT CLERKS AND TELLERS.

|                 |                               |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| \$4 00          | Mendon Ladies' Alliance ..... |
| 42 70           | Payroll No. 1 .....           |
| 15 40           | Payroll No. 2 .....           |
| 59 85           | Payroll No. 3 .....           |
| 8 00            | Payroll No. 4 .....           |
| <u>\$129 95</u> |                               |

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

|                |                                      |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| \$45 00        | Walter Taylor, salary .....          |
| 26 00          | Boston Nickel Plating Co., Inc. .... |
| <u>\$71 00</u> |                                      |

## ASSESSORS.

|                 |                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------|
| \$6 00          | Dues to State and County Association ..... |
| 4 00            | Postage .....                              |
| 8 00            | County Assessors' Meeting .....            |
| 20 00           | Carl Taft, use of auto .....               |
| 106 14          | Supplies .....                             |
| 5 00            | Expenses to tax hearing .....              |
| <u>\$149 14</u> |                                            |

## INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS.

|                 |                                |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| \$150 00        | Moses U. Gaskill, salary ..... |
| <u>\$150 00</u> |                                |

CR.

|                                   |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Paid Treasurer .....              | \$44,427 96 |
| Abated .....                      | 846 38      |
| Subsequent Tax Title Credit ..... | 113 75      |
| Uncollected .....                 | 5,946 09    |
| <hr/>                             |             |
| Total Tax Refunds for 1946 .....  | \$51,334 18 |
|                                   | \$12 81     |

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR P. DALTON,

Collector of Taxes.

January 1, 1947.

Cr.

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$827 40 |
| Abated .....         | 6 25     |
| Uncollected .....    | 7 40     |
|                      | <hr/>    |
|                      | \$841 05 |

Dr.

|                                      |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Third commitment Oct. 29, 1946 ..... | \$537 75 |
| Interest .....                       | 04       |
|                                      | <hr/>    |
|                                      | \$537 79 |

Cr.

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|----------------------|----------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$463 08 |
| Abated .....         | 31 46    |
| Uncollected .....    | 43 25    |
|                      | <hr/>    |
|                      | \$537 79 |

Dr.

|                                       |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Fourth commitment Dec. 10, 1946 ..... | \$130 88 |
|                                       | <hr/>    |
|                                       | \$130 88 |

Cr.

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$18 00  |
| Uncollected .....    | 112 88   |
|                      | <hr/>    |
|                      | \$130 88 |

# 1946 PROPERTY TAXES.

Dr.

|                                                      |             |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Total Personal and Real Estate Taxes committed ..... | \$51,318 05 |
| Interest .....                                       | 16 13       |
|                                                      | <hr/>       |
|                                                      | \$51,334 18 |

Cr.

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$4,388 92 |
| Uncollected .....    | 6 96       |
| <hr/>                |            |
|                      | \$4,395 88 |

1946 POLL TAXES.

Dr.

|                                                                      |          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Taxes committed, including omitted assessment of Dec. 10, 1946 ..... | \$892 00 |
| Interest .....                                                       | 1 10     |
| Demands .....                                                        | 17 85    |
| <hr/>                                                                |          |
|                                                                      | \$910 95 |

Cr.

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$756 95 |
| Abated .....         | 154 00   |
| Uncollected .....    | 00       |
| <hr/>                |          |
|                      | \$910 95 |

1946 EXCISE TAXES.

Dr.

|                                       |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| First commitment April 29, 1946 ..... | \$741 82 |
| Interest .....                        | 1 17     |
| <hr/>                                 |          |
|                                       | \$742 99 |

Cr.

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$736 26 |
| Abated .....         | 3 19     |
| Uncollected .....    | 3 54     |
| <hr/>                |          |
|                      | \$742 99 |

Dr.

|                                      |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Second commitment Aug. 6, 1946 ..... | \$840 31 |
| Interest .....                       | 74       |
| <hr/>                                |          |
|                                      | \$841 05 |

## COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

1946.

## 1945 EXCISE TAXES.

DR.

|                                       |         |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Taxes outstanding, Jan. 1, 1946 ..... | \$74 01 |
| Interest .....                        | 2 28    |

\$76 29

CR.

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$72 29 |
| Abated .....         | 4 00    |
| Uncollected .....    | 00      |

\$76 29

DR.

|                                         |         |
|-----------------------------------------|---------|
| 1945 Taxes committed Feb, 1, 1946 ..... | \$34 00 |
| Interest .....                          | 34      |

\$34 34

CR.

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$34 34 |
| Uncollected .....    | 00      |

\$34 34

## 1945 PROPERTY TAXES.

DR.

|                                      |            |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Taxes outstanding Jan. 1, 1946 ..... | \$4,277 36 |
| Interest .....                       | 118 50     |
| Overpaid Treasurer .....             | 02         |

\$4,395 88

|        |                                    |
|--------|------------------------------------|
| 445    | Number of dwelling houses assessed |
| 10,762 | Number of acres of land assessed   |
| 5,020  | Number of fowl assessed .....      |

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES COMMITTED TO

COLLECTOR IN 1946.

Vehicles registered in 1946 ..... \$1,528 89

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES ABATED

|                          |         |
|--------------------------|---------|
| 1945 Taxes in 1946 ..... | \$4 00  |
| 1946 Taxes .....         | 43 15   |
|                          | <hr/>   |
|                          | \$47 15 |

\$47 15

OVERLAY ACCOUNT, 1945.

Balance in 1945 Overlay Account \$835 88

OVERLAY ACCOUNT, 1946.

|                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| 1946 Overlay .....         | \$718 08 |
| 1946 Abatements .....      | 1,010 58 |
|                            | <hr/>    |
| 1946 Overlay Balance ..... | \$292 50 |

\$292 50

Respectfully submitted,

CARL M. TAFT,  
D. KINSLEY BARNES,  
CHARLES F. LEONARD,

Mendon Board of Assessors.



|                                                      |                |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Number of Assessments on Real Estate .....           | 561            |
| Number of Assessments on Personal Estate .....       | 91             |
| <hr/>                                                |                |
| 652                                                  |                |
| Number of Male Polls Assessed                        | 443            |
| Value of Assessed Stock-in-trade                     | \$4,300 00     |
| Value of Assessed Live Stock .....                   | 69,910 00      |
| Value of Assessed Machinery .....                    | 69,950 00      |
| Value of all other Assessed Personal Estate .....    | 17,900 00      |
| <hr/>                                                |                |
| Value of Assessed Personal Property .....            | \$162,060 00   |
| Value of Assessed Buildings, excluding land .....    | 965,180 00     |
| Value of Assessed Land, excluding buildings .....    | 332,490 00     |
| <hr/>                                                |                |
| Total Value of Real Estate .....                     | \$1,297,670 00 |
| Total Value of Assessed Property                     | \$1,459,730 00 |
| Tax on Personal Estate .....                         | 5,672 10       |
| Tax on Real Estate .....                             | 45,423 70      |
| Tax on Polls .....                                   | 886 00         |
| <hr/>                                                |                |
| \$51,981 80                                          |                |
| Rate of Tax per \$1,000 .....                        | \$35 00        |
| Number of horses assessed .....                      | 47             |
| Number of cows assessed .....                        | 560            |
| Number of neat cattle other than cows assessed ..... | 102            |
| Number of swine assessed .....                       | 2              |

# ASSESSORS' REPORT.

The Assessors' Recapitulation Sheet of Aggregates is given below:

## RECAPITULATION SHEET.

### Town Appropriations:

Annual Town Meeting, March,  
1946 .....

\$87,591 46

Debt and Interest .....

2,397 50

State Taxes, 1946 .....

1,256 64

County Tax .....

2,775 19

### Tuberculosis Hospital:

Assessment .....

2,442 17

Overlay for 1946 .....

718 08

\$97,181 04

Estimated Receipts .....

\$29,071 40

Available Funds .....

16,127 84

\$45,199 24

Net amount raised on Polls and

Property .....

\$51,981 80

443 Poll Taxes at \$2.00 .....

886 00

Total Valuation .....

\$1,459,730 00

Tax Rate .....

\$35 00

Personal Property .....

162,060 00

Real Estate .....

1,297,670 00

|                                      |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Transferred to Board of Health ..... | 95 65    |
| Transferred to Police Dept. ....     | 39 76    |
| <hr/>                                |          |
| Balance .....                        | \$616 67 |
|                                      | 383 33   |

## NATHAN R. GEORGE TRUST FUND.

DR.

|                               |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| To Cash in Savings Bank ..... | \$1,068 56 |
| To Interest Received .....    | 21 47      |
| <hr/>                         |            |
|                               | \$1,090 03 |

CR.

|                               |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| By Cash in Savings Bank ..... | \$1,090 03 |
|-------------------------------|------------|

## FLETCHER LIBRARY FUND.

DR.

|                               |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| To Cash in Savings Bank ..... | \$5,077 46 |
| To Interest Received .....    | 101 08     |
| <hr/>                         |            |
|                               | \$5,178 54 |

CR.

|                               |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| By Cash in Savings Bank ..... | \$5,081 75 |
| By One Library Order .....    | 89 20      |
| By One Library Order .....    | 5 09       |
| By One Library Order .....    | 2 50       |
| <hr/>                         |            |
|                               | \$5,178 54 |

Respectfully submitted,

MOSES U. GASKILL,

Treasurer.

December 31, 1946.

## HONOR ROLL FUND.

Dr.

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| To Cash in Savings Bank ..... | \$180 40 |
| To Cash Deposit .....         | 168 01   |
| To Interest Received .....    | 2 71     |
|                               | <hr/>    |

\$351 12

Cr.

By Cash in Savings Bank ..... \$351 12

## TAX TITLES.

..... \$1,151 75 12

## AUSTIN WOOD RELIEF FUND.

Dr.

|                                                |          |
|------------------------------------------------|----------|
| To Cash in Milford Savings Bank .....          | \$677 71 |
| To Interest Received .....                     | 13 61    |
| To Cash in Worcester Bank .....                | 774 12   |
| To Interest Received from Worcester Bank ..... | 15 55    |
|                                                | <hr/>    |

\$1,480 99

Cr.

|                                 |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| By Cash in Savings Bank .....   | \$691 32 |
| By Cash in Worcester Bank ..... | 789 67   |
|                                 | <hr/>    |

\$1,480 99

## RESERVE FUND

\$1,000 00

|                                              |          |
|----------------------------------------------|----------|
| Transferred to Tree Warden .....             | \$175 00 |
| Transferred to Road Mach'y. Account .....    | 110 00   |
| Transferred to Town Officers' Salaries ..... | 7 72     |
| Transferred to Incidentals .....             | 188 54   |

By Cash in Savings Bank .....  
 Cr. \$23 31

## ANNA ELLIS LIBRARY FUND.

To Cash in Savings Bank ..... \$528 10  
 To Interest Received ..... 10 61  
 \$538 71  
 Dr.

By Cash in Savings Bank .....  
 Cr. \$538 71

## WITHHOLDING TAXES.

To Takes in First Quarter ..... \$419 90  
 To Takes in Second Quarter ..... 520 20  
 To Takes in Third Quarter ..... 302 94  
 To Takes in Fourth Quarter ..... 736 25  
 \$1,979 29  
 Dr.

By Cash Paid Internal Revenue .....  
 Cr. \$1,979 29

## U. S. DEFENSE BOND.

To 1 U. S. Defense Bond ..... \$1,000 00  
 To Interest Received ..... 76 12  
 \$1,076 12  
 Dr.

By 1 U. S. Defense Bond ..... \$1,000 00  
 By Cash in Savings Bank ..... 76 12  
 \$1,076 12  
 Cr.

|                            |        |            |
|----------------------------|--------|------------|
| Photographs .....          | 205 00 |            |
| Printing and postage ..... | 65 86  |            |
| Supplies .....             | 9 82   |            |
| Total Expended .....       |        | \$998 98   |
| Unexpended .....           |        | 1 02       |
|                            |        | <hr/>      |
|                            |        | \$1,000 00 |

## MOTH SUPPRESSION.

|                               |         |          |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Appropriation .....           |         | \$200 00 |
| Expended:                     |         |          |
| William Nuttall, salary ..... | \$10 00 |          |
| Payroll No. 1 .....           | 33 60   |          |
| Payroll No. 2 .....           | 67 20   |          |
| Payroll No. 3 .....           | 44 10   |          |
| Payroll No. 4 .....           | 39 90   |          |
| Total Expended .....          | <hr/>   | \$194 80 |
| Unexpended .....              |         | 5 20     |
|                               |         | <hr/>    |
|                               |         | \$200 00 |

## PARK DEPARTMENT.

|                      |        |          |
|----------------------|--------|----------|
| Appropriation .....  |        | \$125 00 |
| Expended:            |        |          |
| Payroll No. 1 .....  | \$9 10 |          |
| Payroll No. 2 .....  | 4 90   |          |
| Payroll No. 3 .....  | 23 15  |          |
| Payroll No. 4 .....  | 31 85  |          |
| Payroll No. 5 .....  | 6 30   |          |
| Total Expended ..... | <hr/>  | \$75 30  |
| Unexpended .....     |        | 49 70    |
|                      |        | <hr/>    |
|                      |        | \$125 00 |

## CLERICAL HIRE FOR TOWN OFFICERS.

|                      |         |          |
|----------------------|---------|----------|
| Appropriation .....  |         | \$500 00 |
| Expended:            |         |          |
| Elliott Taft .....   | \$60 00 |          |
| Barbara Taft .....   | 66 95   |          |
| Helen F. Irons ..... | 146 26  |          |
| Total Expended ..... |         | \$273 21 |
| Unexpended .....     |         | 226 79   |
|                      |         | <hr/>    |
|                      |         | \$500 00 |

## TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENTS.

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Appropriation ..... | \$4,000 00 |
| Unexpended .....    | 4,000 00   |

## WATER DEPARTMENT.

|                     |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Appropriation ..... | \$20,000 00 |
| Unexpended .....    | 20,000 00   |

## ERECTION OF FIRE STATION.

|                     |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Appropriation ..... | \$24,000 00 |
| Unexpended .....    | 24,000 00   |

Respectfully submitted,

SILAS H. DUDLEY, Chairman,  
 ROY A. BARROWS,  
 HAROLD METCALF,

Board of Selectmen.



## SUMMARY.

| Department                    | Resources          | Expended   | Unexpended | Overdraft |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Incidentals                   |                    |            |            |           |
| Appropriation                 | \$2,750.00         |            |            |           |
| Transferred from Reserve Fund | 188.54             |            |            |           |
|                               | <u>\$2,938.54</u>  | \$2,938.54 |            |           |
| Chapter 81                    |                    |            |            |           |
| Town Appropriation            | \$3,600.00         |            |            |           |
| State Allocation              | 8,100.00           |            |            |           |
|                               | <u>\$11,700.00</u> | 11,699.87  | .13        |           |
| General Repairs               | \$ 1,000.00        | 999.15     | .85        |           |
| Chapter 90 Maintenance        |                    |            |            |           |
| Town Appropriation            | \$1,000.00         |            |            |           |
| County Allocation             | 1,000.00           |            |            |           |
| State Allocation              | <u>\$3,000.00</u>  | 2,999.52   | .48        |           |
| Chapter 90 Construction       |                    |            |            |           |
| Town Appropriation            | \$2,000.00         |            |            |           |
| State Allocation              | 4,000.00           |            |            |           |
| County Allocation             | <u>2,000.00</u>    | 7,999.88   | .12        |           |
| Snow Removal                  | \$8,000.00         |            |            |           |
| Appropriation                 | <u>\$3,500.00</u>  | 3,373.93   | 126.07     |           |

## SUMMARY—Continued.

| Department                      | Resources  | Expended | Unexpended | Overdraft |
|---------------------------------|------------|----------|------------|-----------|
| Road Machinery Account          |            |          |            |           |
| Appropriation                   | \$1,500.00 |          |            |           |
| Appropriated from R. M. Fund    | 1,116.20   |          |            |           |
| Transferred from Reserve Fund   | 110.00     |          |            |           |
|                                 | \$2,726.20 | 2,726.16 | .04        |           |
| Board of Health                 |            |          |            |           |
| Appropriation                   | \$1,100.00 |          |            |           |
| Transferred from Reserve Fund   | 95.65      |          |            |           |
|                                 | \$1,195.65 | 1,195.65 |            |           |
| Welcome Home Day                | \$1,000.00 | 998.98   | 1.02       |           |
| Clerical Hire for Town Officers | 500.00     | 273.21   | 226.79     |           |
| Fire Department                 | 800.00     | 695.37   | 104.63     |           |
| Forest Fires                    | 500.00     | 482.29   | 17.71      |           |
| Police Department               |            |          |            |           |
| Appropriation                   | \$1,000.00 |          |            |           |
| Transferred from Reserve Fund   | 39.76      |          |            |           |
|                                 | \$1,039.76 | 1,030.26 | 9.50       |           |
| Park Department                 |            |          |            |           |
|                                 | 125.00     | 75.30    | 49.70      |           |

## SUMMARY—Continued.

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| Department                    | Resources  | Expended | Unexpended | Overdraft |
|-------------------------------|------------|----------|------------|-----------|
| Salaries of Town Officers     | \$2,025.00 |          |            |           |
| Appropriation                 | 7.72       |          |            |           |
| Transferred from Reserve Fund | \$2,032.72 | 2,032.72 | 1,000.00   |           |
|                               | 1,000.00   |          |            |           |
| Soldiers' Relief              | 20.00      | 20.00    |            |           |
| Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves | 627.00     | 627.00   |            |           |
| Street Lights                 |            |          |            |           |
| Tree Warden                   |            |          |            |           |
| Appropriation                 | \$100.00   |          |            |           |
| Transferred from Reserve Fund | 175.00     |          |            |           |
|                               | \$275.00   | 271.55   | 3.45       |           |
| Taft Public Library           | 550.00     | 544.72   | 5.28       |           |
| Moth Suppression              | 200.00     | 194.80   | 5.20       |           |
| Memorial Day                  | 125.00     | 113.93   | 11.07      |           |
| Insurance on Town Buildings   | 725.26     | 725.26   |            |           |
| Board of Public Welfare       | 2,500.00   | 2,161.76 | 338.24     |           |
| Reserve Fund                  | 1,000.00   | 616.67   | 383.33     |           |
| Bonds of Town Officers        | 100.00     | 92.25    | 7.75       |           |
| Water Department              | 20,000.00  |          | 20,000.00  |           |
| Town Hall Improvements        | 4,000.00   |          | 4,000.00   |           |

# SUMMARY—Continued.

| Department                          | Resources    | Expended  | Unexpended | Overdraft |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Erection of Fire Station            | 24,000.00    |           | 24,000.00  |           |
| Schools                             |              |           |            |           |
| Town Appropriation                  | \$27,030.17  |           |            |           |
| Appropriation of Dog License Refund | 447.83       |           |            |           |
|                                     | —\$27,478.00 | 27,462.31 | 15.69      |           |
| Worcester County Hospital           | 2,442.17     | 2,442.17  |            |           |
| Interest on Loans                   | 100.00       |           | 100.00     |           |
| Tuition for Vocational Schools      | 1,000.00     | 639.66    | 360.34     |           |
| Old Age Assistance                  |              |           |            |           |
| Town Appropriation                  | \$11,000.00  |           |            |           |
| Federal Grant Aid                   | 8,445.07     |           |            |           |
| Federal Grant Administration        | 275.75       |           |            |           |
|                                     | —\$20,220.19 | 21,688.25 |            | 1,468.06  |
| Aid to Dependent Children           |              |           |            |           |
| Town Appropriation                  | \$3,000.00   |           |            |           |
| Federal Grant                       | 753.00       |           |            |           |
|                                     | —\$3,753.00  | 3,036.00  | 717.00     |           |

Respectfully submitted,

SILAS H. DUDLEY,

ROY A. BARROWS,

HAROLD METCALF,

Selectmen of Mendon.

## LIST OF JURORS.

|                     |                |                   |
|---------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Douglas Taylor      | Carpenter      | Hastings Street   |
| Donald B. Lowell    | Dairyman       | North Avenue      |
| Harry L. Wilbur     | Machinist      | Hastings Street   |
| William R. Bowen    | Poultryman     | Bates Street      |
| Gordon R. Good      | Machinist      | North Avenue      |
| Ernest E. Souls     | Pattern Maker  | Bates Street      |
| Henry Twitchell     | Machinist      | Maple Street      |
| Roy A. Barrows      | Dairyman       | Blackstone Street |
| William F. Irons    | Musician       | Main Street       |
| Walter Taylor       | Factory Worker | Blackstone Street |
| Vernon A. Barrows   | Grinder        | Blackstone Street |
| Lester P. Mann, Sr. | Pattern Maker  | Washington St.    |
| Richard F. Harding  | Foreman        | George St.        |
| Ernest Beaucage     | Spinner        | Milford Street    |

## ASSETS.

## Uncollected Taxes:

|                                  |           |                   |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Excise Tax .....                 | \$167 07  |                   |
| Property Tax .....               | 5,953 05  |                   |
| Cash in Hands of Treasurer ..... | 29,829 74 |                   |
| U. S. Bonds .....                | 1,000 00  |                   |
| 12 Tax Titles .....              | 1,151 75  |                   |
|                                  |           | <hr/> \$38,101 61 |

## Public Welfare:

|                                  |          |                |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------------|
| Due from State of Massachusetts, |          |                |
| Temporary Aid .....              | \$988 30 |                |
|                                  |          | <hr/> \$988 30 |

## Board of Health:

|                                      |          |                |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------------|
| Due from State of Massachusetts .... | \$260 00 |                |
|                                      |          | <hr/> \$260 00 |

## Old Age Assistance:

|                              |            |            |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Federal Government .....     | \$1,930 77 |            |
| State of Massachusetts ..... | 1,364 51   |            |
| Town of Milford .....        | 80 09      |            |
| Town of Northbridge .....    | 35 06      |            |
|                              | <hr/>      | \$3,410 43 |

## Aid to Dependent Children:

|                              |          |          |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|
| State of Massachusetts ..... | \$515 66 |          |
| Federal Government .....     | 175 00   |          |
|                              | <hr/>    | \$690 66 |

|                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Total Assets ..... | \$43,451 00 |
|--------------------|-------------|

## LIABILITIES.

|                                                   |            |             |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Overdraft of Bureau of Old Age Assistance .....   | \$1,468 06 |             |
| Worcester County Hospital for Construction .....  | 1,650 00   |             |
| Bonds, School House Addition .....                | 14,000 00  |             |
| Federal Government, Advance for Water Plans ..... | 1,500 00   |             |
| Notes on Town Truck .....                         | 2,400 00   |             |
| Total Liabilities .....                           | <hr/>      | \$21,018 06 |

## REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Appropriation .....                 | \$1,000 00 |
| Transferred from Reserve Fund ..... | 39 76      |
| Total .....                         | \$1,039 76 |

### Expenditures:

|                                        |            |            |
|----------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Payroll No. 1 .....                    | \$215 55   |            |
| Payroll No. 2 .....                    | 118 65     |            |
| Payroll No. 3 .....                    | 74 75      |            |
| Payroll No. 4 .....                    | 41 60      |            |
| Payroll No. 5 .....                    | 512 50     |            |
| John Lundvall, accident pictures ..... | 9 00       |            |
| The Forbes Press, tags .....           | 9 00       |            |
| Harold C. Barrows, toll calls .....    | 49 21      |            |
| Expended .....                         | \$1,030 26 |            |
| Unexpended .....                       | 9 50       |            |
|                                        |            | \$1,039 76 |

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD C. BARROWS,

Chief of Police.



## REPORT OF THE FOREST WARDEN.

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January 1, 1947.

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The Forest Fire Department answered 13 alarms in 1946, burning over only 2.7 acres of brushland and 5 acres of grassland.

3 Alarms were to help other towns.

2 Alarms were for rubbish fires.

5 Alarms were for grass fires.

2 Alarms were for brush fires.

1 Alarm was for hay in a pasture.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. LOWELL,

Forest Warden.

## REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS.

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January 1, 1947.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The Fire Department answered 12 alarms and 1 still alarm in 1946, as follows:

- 5 Chimney Fires.
- 3 Barn Fires.
- 2 Dwelling Fires.
- 1 Hen House Fire.
- 1 Range Shelter Fire.

Total estimated damage, \$17,428.50.

The Department had 3 false alarms, were called for 1 drowning accident, use of stretcher once, three times to help find men lost, and once to get cat out of tree.

During the year 4 new men were added to the Department. One fireman was forced to resign because he moved to another town. Two hundred feet of 2½-inch hose was added to the equipment.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. LOWELL, Chief,  
NORRY J. DAIGE,  
MATTHEW M. MANTONI,  
Fire Engineers.

## REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WEAIGHER.

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Report of year's weighings:

|                                           |         |
|-------------------------------------------|---------|
| 45 weighings at \$.40 each .....          | \$18 00 |
| 8 free weighings for Boy Scouts.          |         |
| <hr style="width: 10%; margin-left: 0;"/> |         |
| 53 Total weighings.                       |         |

Respectfully submitted,

MARTHA E. DUDLEY,

Public Weigher.

## REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

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|                                      | Scales   | Amount       |
|--------------------------------------|----------|--------------|
| Platform scales under 5000 lbs. .... | 2        | \$1 00       |
| Spring scales under 100 lbs. ....    | 2        | 20           |
| Beam scales over 100 lbs. ....       | 1        | 50           |
| Computing scales under 100 lbs. .... | 1        | 10           |
| Gasoline pumps, meter system ....    | 8        | 4 00         |
| Kerosene pumps, hand system ....     | 1        | 50           |
|                                      | <hr/> 15 | <hr/> \$6 30 |

I have collected \$6.30 for Sealing Fees and have turned this amount over to the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER TAYLOR,

Sealer.

Mendon, December 31, 1946.

## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING.

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To the Honorable Board of Health:

The following animals have been slaughtered in our presence and inspected by us:

|                 | Cows      | Pigs     | Calves   | Sheep   | Total     |
|-----------------|-----------|----------|----------|---------|-----------|
| January .....   | 21        | 42       | 3        |         | 66        |
| February .....  | 20        | 5        | 7        |         | 32        |
| March .....     | 21        | 10       | 2        |         | 33        |
| April .....     | 46        | 4        | 10       |         | 60        |
| May .....       | 18        |          |          |         | 18        |
| June .....      | 18        |          |          |         | 18        |
| July .....      | 26        |          | 3        |         | 29        |
| August .....    | 7         |          |          |         | 7         |
| September ..... | 9         |          |          |         | 9         |
| October .....   | 43        | 15       |          |         | 58        |
| November .....  | 14        | 9        | 7        |         | 30        |
| December .....  | 6         |          | 2        |         | 8         |
| Total .....     | <hr/> 249 | <hr/> 85 | <hr/> 34 | <hr/> 0 | <hr/> 368 |

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK R. PHILLIPS,  
WILLARD N. SEIBERT,

Inspectors of Slaughtering.

## REPORT OF THE FOREST WARDEN.

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|                                  |         |          |
|----------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Appropriation .....              |         | \$500 00 |
| Expended:                        |         |          |
| Payrolls .....                   | \$81 20 |          |
| Supplies and New Equipment ..... | 358 56  |          |
| Salary as Warden .....           | 25 00   |          |
| Janitor Service .....            | 5 80    |          |
| Fuel .....                       | 11 73   |          |
| Total Expended .....             | <hr/>   | \$482 29 |
| Unexpended .....                 |         | 17 71    |
|                                  |         | <hr/>    |
|                                  |         | \$500 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. LOWELL,

Forest Warden.

## REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS.

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|                                         |          |          |
|-----------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation .....                     |          | \$800 00 |
| Expended:                               |          |          |
| Payrolls .....                          | \$359 20 |          |
| Fire Whistle Test .....                 | 30 25    |          |
| Fuel .....                              | 26 60    |          |
| New Equipment .....                     | 55 80    |          |
| Repairs and Supplies .....              | 25 49    |          |
| Gas and Oil .....                       | 22 63    |          |
| Test Blowing .....                      | 50 00    |          |
| Salary as Chief .....                   | 100 00   |          |
| Special Fireman's License .....         | 6 00     |          |
| Dues for Fire Chiefs' Association ..... | 3 00     |          |
| Janitor Service .....                   | 16 40    |          |
| Total Expended .....                    | —————    | \$695 37 |
| Unexpended .....                        |          | 104 63   |
|                                         |          | —————    |
|                                         |          | \$800 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. LOWELL, Chief,  
 NORRY J. DAIGE,  
 MATTHEW M. MANTONI,

Fire Engineers.



# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE.

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## TEMPORARY AID.

### RESOURCES.

|                          |            |            |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| Town Appropriation ..... |            | \$2,500 00 |
| Expended .....           | \$2,161 76 |            |
| Unexpended .....         | 338 24     |            |
|                          | <hr/>      | \$2,500 00 |

## DETAILED EXPENDITURES.

### MENDON SETTLED CASES.

|                               |          |            |
|-------------------------------|----------|------------|
| One family in own home .....  | \$193 75 |            |
| One person in own home .....  | 190 00   |            |
| Two persons in own home ..... | 532 65   |            |
| One person in own home .....  | 247 06   |            |
| One person in own home .....  | 3 50     |            |
|                               | <hr/>    | \$1,166 96 |

### CASES WITH NO SETTLEMENT, CHARGEABLE TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF WELFARE.

|                                  |          |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| One person in private home ..... | \$260 00 |          |
| One family in own home .....     | 728 30   |          |
|                                  | <hr/>    | \$988 30 |

### MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

|                                                         |        |        |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Greater Boston Community Council,<br>Social Index ..... | \$5 50 |        |
| Mass. Welfare Agents' Association<br>Dues, 1946 .....   | 1 00   |        |
|                                                         | <hr/>  | \$6 50 |

## PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF ABOVE EXPENSES.

|                              |          |            |
|------------------------------|----------|------------|
| State of Massachusetts ..... | \$988 30 |            |
| Town of Mendon's Share ..... | 1,173 46 |            |
|                              | <hr/>    | \$2,161 76 |

Respectfully submitted,

ROY A. BARROWS, Chairman,  
HAROLD METCALF,  
SILAS H. DUDLEY,

Board of Public Welfare.

## REPORT OF THE BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE.

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### Resources:

|                                       |             |             |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Appropriated by the Town .....        | \$11,000 00 |             |
| From Federal Grant (Direct Aid) ..... | 8,445 07    |             |
| (Administration) .....                | 275 75      |             |
|                                       | <hr/>       | \$19,720 82 |
| Balance on hand from Administration,  |             |             |
| January, 1946 .....                   |             | 499 37      |
|                                       |             | <hr/>       |
|                                       |             | \$20,220 19 |

### Expenditures:

|                             |             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| For Direct Aid .....        | \$21,126 69 |             |
| For Out of Town Cases ..... | 262 81      |             |
| Administration .....        | 298 75      |             |
|                             | <hr/>       | \$21,688 25 |
| Overdrawn .....             |             | 1,468 06    |
|                             |             | <hr/>       |
|                             |             | \$20,220 19 |

### Summary:

|                                  |            |             |
|----------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Federal Government's Share ..... | \$9,058 21 |             |
| State's Share .....              | 8,286 29   |             |
| Town of Mendon's Share .....     | 3,782 19   |             |
|                                  | <hr/>      | \$21,126 69 |

## Amounts due Town:

|                              |            |            |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Federal Government .....     | \$1,930 77 |            |
| State of Massachusetts ..... | 1,364 51   |            |
| Town of Milford .....        | 80 09      |            |
| Town of Northbridge .....    | 35 06      |            |
|                              | <hr/>      | \$3,410 43 |

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD METCALF,

Agent.

# REPORT OF AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN.

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## Resources:

|                                       |            |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Town Appropriation .....              | \$3,000 00 |            |
| Received from Federal Government .... | 753 00     |            |
|                                       | <hr/>      | \$3,753 00 |

## Expenditures:

|                      |            |            |
|----------------------|------------|------------|
| For Direct Aid ..... | \$3,036 00 |            |
| Unexpended .....     | 717 00     |            |
|                      | <hr/>      | \$3,753 00 |

## Summary:

|                                     |          |            |
|-------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Federal Government .....            | \$807 00 |            |
| State of Massachusetts' Share ..... | 1,011 99 |            |
| Town of Mendon's Share .....        | 1,217 01 |            |
|                                     | <hr/>    | \$3,036 00 |

## Amounts Due Town:

|                              |          |          |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Federal Government .....     | \$175 00 |          |
| State of Massachusetts ..... | 515 66   |          |
|                              | <hr/>    | \$690 66 |

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD METCALF,

Agent.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

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|                                     |                  |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Appropriation .....                 | \$1,100 00       |
| Transferred from Reserve Fund ..... | 95 65            |
| Total .....                         | <hr/> \$1,195 65 |

### Expended:

|                                                                          |                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Frank R. Phillips, Inspector of Slaughtering .....                       | \$192 50         |
| Willard N. Seibert, Inspecting Cattle .....                              | 126 00           |
| Alex Woleck, Town Dump .....                                             | 50 00            |
| Massachusetts, Dept. Public Health .....                                 | 10 00            |
| K. A. Campbell, M. D., Clinic Services .....                             | 50 00            |
| Rosenfeld Washed Sand & Stone Co., gravel and use of bulldozer .....     | 90 00            |
| Varney Bros., use of bulldozer .....                                     | 28 00            |
| Milford, Hopedale, Mendon Instructive District Nursing Association ..... | 50 00            |
| Worcester County Sanatorium, care of one patient .....                   | 417 00           |
| Rutland Training Center, care of one patient .....                       | 182 15           |
| Total Expended .....                                                     | <hr/> \$1,195 65 |

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD METCALF, Chairman,  
ROY A. BARROWS,  
SILAS H. DUDLEY,  
Board of Health.

## REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN.

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|                                     |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Appropriation .....                 | \$100 00 |
| Transferred from Reserve Fund ..... | 175 00   |
| Total .....                         | \$275 00 |

### Expended:

|                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| William Nuttall, Salary ..... | \$12 00 |
|-------------------------------|---------|

### Pay Rolls:

|                         |          |          |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|
| William Nuttall .....   | \$113 75 |          |
| William Munsell .....   | 42 70    |          |
| George Blanchard .....  | 97 50    |          |
| Willard Mathewson ..... | 5 60     |          |
| Total Expended .....    | \$271 55 |          |
| Unexpended .....        | 3 45     |          |
|                         |          | \$275 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM E. NUTTALL,  
Tree Warden.



## REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY SURVEYOR.

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TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

GENTLEMEN:

I submit the following annual report on the roads for the year 1946.

### CHAPTER 81.

19,322 gallons of tar and asphalt were applied to various roads under this Chapter. We were unable to cover some places that were in need as there was considerable new work laid out.

There were 1,697 yards of gravel used to make the dirt roads more passable and safe. We had to use part of the gravel for Taft Avenue which was voted a Town road at the 1946 Annual Town Meeting, and which was in very poor condition.

All drainage was cleared and considerable new work was accomplished on various roads.

On North Avenue 900 feet was scarified and re-graded. The road was raised six inches to shed the water and the shoulders were built.

The dangerous curve on Thornton Street was eliminated and the road widened at this point.

The curve in front of the Post Office was widened from Mr. Thompson's property to that of Fred Phipps. It was

widened eighteen feet at the narrowest part. This gives ample room for parking in front of the store and Post Office.

On Hartford Avenue East, the road was widened from Leonard's corner to the bridge, giving six feet more of roadway for public safety. In its previous condition the road was dangerous for the school bus to pass cars or trucks.

1,500 feet of Thayer Road was widened and a hard surface was applied.

Brush was cut on all dangerous corners and curves on many of the Town roads.

#### CHAPTER 90, MAINTENANCE.

3,190 gallons asphalt were applied on sections of Providence Street and Northbridge Road.

275 feet of drainage was built on Northbridge Road and drain pipe installed.

350 feet of open drain was installed on Millville Road in front of Mr. Wagner's residence.

Brush was cut on all Chapter 90 roads.

#### CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION.

1,500 feet of Hartford Avenue, West, was laid out by the County, State and Town, beginning from the State Road to the old Pound. The elevation and curves were all changed as well as part of the roadbed.

In excavating for the new road, we ran into about one third more ledge than was estimated by the State. For the benefit of the taxpayers, we had to comply with the Massachu-

setts State Labor Laws which pays laborers \$1.15 per hour. Hired equipment has increased about twenty-five percent as well as material needed in this kind of work.

We have completed the roadbed and all but a few minor jobs at the contract price. The State engineers estimated that it would cost about \$300.00 to complete the details, which amount they have promised to give us this Spring.

In concluding, I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Townspeople and the State and County Engineers for their corporation and any assistance they have given me to carry on my work.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM R. BOWEN,

Highway Surveyor.

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#### SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES.

|                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Chapter 81 .....              | \$11,699 87       |
| Chapter 90 Construction ..... | 7,999 88          |
| Chapter 90 Maintenance .....  | 2,999 52          |
| Snow Removal .....            | 3,373 93          |
| General Repairs .....         | 999 15            |
| Road Machinery .....          | 2,726 16          |
| Total .....                   | <hr/> \$29,798 51 |

#### CHAPTER 81.

|                          |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Town Appropriation ..... | \$3,600 00        |
| State Allotment .....    | 8,100 00          |
|                          | <hr/> \$11,700 00 |

## EXPENDITURES.

## PAY ROLLS.

|                 |            |            |
|-----------------|------------|------------|
| Labor .....     | \$3,478 58 |            |
| Equipment ..... | 4,261 83   |            |
|                 | <hr/>      | \$7,740 41 |

## MATERIALS.

|                                                     |          |             |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| H. A. Daniels, insurance .....                      | \$164 36 |             |
| Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co., sand and<br>patch ..... | 1,279 46 |             |
| Guido Sabatinelli, dynamite and caps .....          | 83 00    |             |
| Milton Goldthwaite, gravel .....                    | 193 40   |             |
| American Oil Co., tarvia and oil .....              | 2,239 24 |             |
|                                                     | <hr/>    | \$3,959 46  |
| Total Expenditures .....                            |          | \$11,699 87 |
| Unexpended balance .....                            |          | 13          |
|                                                     |          | <hr/>       |
|                                                     |          | \$11,700 00 |

## CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION.

|                          |            |            |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| Town Appropriation ..... | \$2,000 00 |            |
| County Allotment .....   | 2,000 00   |            |
| State Allotment .....    | 4,000 00   |            |
|                          | <hr/>      | \$8,000 00 |

## EXPENDITURES.

## PAY ROLLS.

|                 |            |            |
|-----------------|------------|------------|
| Labor .....     | \$3,087 05 |            |
| Equipment ..... | 3,743 80   |            |
|                 | <hr/>      | \$6,830 85 |

## MATERIALS.

|                           |          |  |
|---------------------------|----------|--|
| H. Courteau, gravel ..... | \$174 60 |  |
| E. Migneault .....        | 61 10    |  |

|                                                       |        |            |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------|
| Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co., cement<br>and patch ..... | 45 57  |            |
| American Oil Co., tarvia .....                        | 270 14 |            |
| Leo Bros., dynamite and caps .....                    | 159 05 |            |
| Milford Cement Block Co., cement<br>blocks .....      | 74 00  |            |
| Corbett Concrete Pipe Co., pipe .....                 | 243 00 |            |
| Fairbanks & Bartlett, oil .....                       | 4 26   |            |
| E. Yanski, lime .....                                 | 2 60   |            |
|                                                       | <hr/>  | \$1,169 03 |
| Total Expended .....                                  |        | \$7,999 88 |
| Unexpended .....                                      |        | 12         |
|                                                       |        | <hr/>      |
|                                                       |        | \$8,000 00 |

## CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE.

|                          |            |            |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| Town Appropriation ..... | \$1,000 00 |            |
| State Allotment .....    | 1,000 00   |            |
| County Allotment .....   | 1,000 00   |            |
|                          | <hr/>      | \$3,000 00 |

## EXPENDITURES.

|                 |            |            |
|-----------------|------------|------------|
| Labor .....     | \$1,558 39 |            |
| Equipment ..... | 453 50     |            |
|                 | <hr/>      | \$2,011 89 |

## MATERIALS.

|                                                      |         |  |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------|--|
| H. A. Daniels, insurance .....                       | \$62 42 |  |
| G. Sabatinelli, bits .....                           | 5 10    |  |
| G. Poirier, bits .....                               | 3 75    |  |
| Rosenfeld Sand & Gravel Co., sand<br>and patch ..... | 269 38  |  |
| N. E. Metal Culvert Co., pipe .....                  | 289 70  |  |

|                                |        |            |
|--------------------------------|--------|------------|
| American Oil Co., tarvia ..... | 357 28 |            |
|                                | <hr/>  | \$987 63   |
| Total Expenditures .....       |        | \$2,999 52 |
| Unexpended balance .....       |        | 48         |
|                                |        | <hr/>      |
|                                |        | \$3,000 00 |

## SNOW REMOVAL.

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Town Appropriation ..... | \$3,500 00 |
|--------------------------|------------|

## EXPENDITURES.

## PAY ROLLS.

|                 |            |            |
|-----------------|------------|------------|
| Labor .....     | \$1,138 60 |            |
| Equipment ..... | 1,360 35   |            |
|                 | <hr/>      | \$2,498 95 |

## SUPPLIES.

|                                          |        |            |
|------------------------------------------|--------|------------|
| Seaver's Express .....                   | \$2 34 |            |
| Jesse White, welding and cutting .....   | 12 00  |            |
| Lakeside Garage, labor and supplies .... | 115 48 |            |
| L. N. Jaques & Sons, supplies .....      | 5 65   |            |
| Files & O'Keefe, plow hoist .....        | 85 71  |            |
| Rosenfeld Sand & Gravel Co., sand .....  | 445 14 |            |
| Milford Grain Co., salt .....            | 95 50  |            |
| Dep't. of Public Works, plowing .....    | 52 01  |            |
| Dyar Sales & Machine Co., supplies ..... | 61 15  |            |
|                                          | <hr/>  | \$874 98   |
| Total Expended .....                     |        | \$3,373 93 |
| Unexpended balance .....                 |        | 126 07     |
|                                          |        | <hr/>      |
|                                          |        | \$3,500 00 |

## GENERAL REPAIRS.

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Town Appropriation ..... | \$1,000 00 |
|--------------------------|------------|

## EXPENDITURES.

|                 |          |          |
|-----------------|----------|----------|
| Labor .....     | \$504 10 |          |
| Equipment ..... | 163 35   |          |
|                 | <hr/>    | \$667 45 |

## MATERIALS.

|                                                               |        |            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------|
| E. O. Rose & Son, bolts and repairing<br>hydraulic hose ..... | \$3 75 |            |
| Leon Zocchi Co., snow shovels .....                           | 17 40  |            |
| Fairbanks & Bartlett, oil .....                               | 14 19  |            |
| Varney Bros. Trucking Co., express ....                       | 1 64   |            |
| Dyar Sales & Machine Co., supplies ....                       | 44 90  |            |
| Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co., patch<br>and gravel .....         | 117 10 |            |
| W. A. Barry, repairs to tools .....                           | 13 40  |            |
| W. H. Casey, supplies .....                                   | 21 90  |            |
| L. N. Jaques & Sons, hardware .....                           | 83 07  |            |
| C. C. Shattuck, supplies .....                                | 14 35  |            |
|                                                               | <hr/>  | \$331 70   |
| Total Expended .....                                          |        | \$999 15   |
| Unexpended .....                                              |        | 85         |
|                                                               |        | <hr/>      |
|                                                               |        | \$1,000 00 |

## ROAD MACHINERY ACCOUNT.

|                                     |            |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Town Appropriation .....            | \$1,500 00 |            |
| Road Machinery Fund .....           | 1,116 20   |            |
| Transferred from Reserve Fund ..... | 110 00     |            |
|                                     | <hr/>      | \$2,726 20 |

## EXPENDITURES.

|                                        |         |
|----------------------------------------|---------|
| Payroll No. 1, labor .....             | \$26 00 |
| Payroll No. 2, labor .....             | 10 70   |
| Elmer Dow, repairs to sander .....     | 8 00    |
| Trubilt Truck Body Co., backboard .... | 59 95   |



|                                                          |        |            |
|----------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------|
| R. M. Donnelly, light .....                              | 12 00  |            |
| E. O. Rose & Son, supplies .....                         | 2 00   |            |
| Home National Bank, note on truck ....                   | 637 50 |            |
| Perkins, Eaton Machine Co., repairs<br>to spreader ..... | 21 40  |            |
| Carl Wagner, trucking .....                              | 2 00   |            |
| McGaughey Bros., rent .....                              | 60 00  |            |
| Registry of Motor Vehicles .....                         | 1 00   |            |
| H. A. Daniels, insurance .....                           | 89 45  |            |
| Granholt & Trotta, greasing .....                        | 9 00   |            |
| Henley Kimball Co., repairs to truck ....                | 176 39 |            |
| Carpenter Manufacturing Co., master<br>lights .....      | 24 22  |            |
| L. N. Jaques, paint .....                                | 2 80   |            |
| Fisk Alden Co., parts for tractor .....                  | 15 81  |            |
| So. Milford Filling Station, supplies ....               | 90     |            |
| Louis Auto Service, welding .....                        | 13 00  |            |
| Dyar Sales & Machine Co., plows .....                    | 859 00 |            |
| Eddie's Service Station, repairs .....                   | 69 00  |            |
| Lakeside Garage, repairs .....                           | 89 30  |            |
| Gleason's Gas Station .....                              | 535 47 |            |
| Seaver's Express .....                                   | 1 27   |            |
|                                                          |        | <hr/>      |
|                                                          |        | \$2,726 16 |
| Expended .....                                           |        | \$2,726 16 |
| Unexpended .....                                         |        | 04         |
|                                                          |        | <hr/>      |
|                                                          |        | \$2,726 20 |

## ROAD MACHINERY FUND.

## PAID TO TOWN TREASURER.

|                                                  |          |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Chapter 81, use of truck .....                   | \$924 80 |
| Chapter 81, use of spreader .....                | 33 50    |
| Chapter 81, use of grader .....                  | 314 00   |
| Chapter 90 Maintenance, use of truck             | 293 20   |
| Chapter 90 Maintenance, use of<br>spreader ..... | 8 00     |

|                                         |        |            |
|-----------------------------------------|--------|------------|
| Chapter 90 Construction, use of truck   | 376 75 |            |
| Chapter 90 Construction, use of grader  | 128 00 |            |
| Snow Removal, use of truck .....        | 542 15 |            |
| General Repairs, use of truck .....     | 163 35 |            |
| J. F. White, use of equipment .....     | 10 00  |            |
| Leland Whiting, use of truck and grader | 60 00  |            |
| Mathew Manton, use of cement mixer      | 4 50   |            |
| Lyman Hazard, use of grader .....       | 6 00   |            |
| Lake Nipmuc Park Co., use of tractor    |        |            |
| and cement mixer .....                  | 65 00  |            |
|                                         | <hr/>  | \$2,929 25 |

# SCHEDULE OF WAGES PAID EMPLOYEES ON ALL HIGHWAY WORK IN 1946.

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| Name                | Chapter 81 | Chapter 90<br>Construction | Chapter 90<br>Maintenance | Snow<br>Removal | General<br>Repairs | TOTALS     |
|---------------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------|
| W. Bowen .....      | \$748.00   | \$390.00                   | \$317.00                  | \$103.50        | \$65.00            | \$1,623.50 |
| E. Auty .....       | 218.45     | 154.68                     | 118.13                    | 16.80           |                    | 508.06     |
| R. Bartlett .....   |            |                            |                           | 117.60          | 33.60              | 151.20     |
| P. Bonati .....     |            |                            |                           | 14.00           |                    | 14.00      |
| E. Boover .....     |            | 4.60                       |                           |                 |                    | 10.60      |
| D. Brownly .....    | 6.00       |                            |                           | 15.40           |                    | 15.40      |
| M. Bracci .....     |            |                            |                           | 9.10            |                    | 9.10       |
| W. Butler, Jr. .... |            |                            |                           | 10.50           |                    | 10.50      |
| L. Brothers .....   |            |                            |                           | 2.80            |                    | 2.80       |
| R. Benoit .....     | 23.25      |                            |                           |                 |                    | 23.25      |
| J. Carmody .....    |            |                            |                           | 4.20            |                    | 4.20       |
| A. Castro .....     |            | 200.10                     |                           |                 |                    | 200.10     |
| E. Carroll .....    |            | 9.90                       |                           |                 |                    | 9.90       |
| A. Damon .....      | 44.80      |                            |                           |                 |                    | 44.80      |
| A. Dresser .....    | 11.00      |                            |                           |                 |                    | 11.00      |
| R. Fagan .....      | 104.85     |                            |                           | 24.50           | 13.65              | 143.00     |
| H. Fairbanks .....  |            |                            |                           | 5.60            |                    | 5.60       |
| H. Freeman .....    |            |                            |                           | 4.20            |                    | 4.20       |
| E. Gaskill .....    | 47.60      |                            |                           | 13.44           |                    | 61.04      |
| T. Hackenson .....  | 22.40      |                            |                           |                 |                    | 22.40      |
| R. Hazard .....     |            | 197.80                     |                           |                 |                    | 197.80     |
| G. Hutchinson ..... | 109.20     |                            |                           | 5.60            | 22.40              | 137.20     |
| W. Hutchinson ..... |            |                            |                           | 7.43            |                    | 7.43       |

## SCHEDULE OF WAGES PAID EMPLOYEES ON ALL HIGHWAY WORK IN 1946—Con't.

| Name                 | Chapter 81 | Chapter 90<br>Construction | Chapter 90<br>Maintenance | Snow<br>Removal | General<br>Repairs | TOTALS   |
|----------------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------|
| L. Holbrook .....    |            |                            |                           | 2.80            |                    | 2.80     |
| L. Hazard .....      |            |                            |                           | 5.60            |                    | 5.60     |
| H. Jones .....       |            |                            |                           | 1.40            |                    | 1.40     |
| D. Kempton .....     |            |                            |                           | 7.09            |                    | 7.09     |
| J. Lamothe .....     |            |                            |                           | 5.60            |                    | 5.60     |
| D. Leo .....         |            | 5.60                       |                           |                 |                    | 5.60     |
| W. Mathewson .....   | 286.95     | 351.33                     | 200.63                    |                 | 30.00              | 868.91   |
| H. Metcalf .....     | 582.42     | 309.70                     | 253.41                    | 94.36           | 83.05              | 1,322.94 |
| W. Munsell .....     | 495.65     | 330.63                     | 100.88                    | 5.60            | 69.20              | 1,001.96 |
| W. Nuttall .....     | 22.40      |                            |                           |                 |                    | 22.40    |
| S. Nuttall .....     |            | 219.90                     |                           |                 |                    | 219.90   |
| J. Oppewall .....    |            |                            |                           | 5.60            |                    | 5.60     |
| R. Phipps .....      |            |                            |                           | 12.74           |                    | 12.74    |
| A. Paddock .....     |            |                            |                           | 7.84            |                    | 7.84     |
| F. Roy .....         |            |                            |                           | 12.60           |                    | 12.60    |
| L. Roy .....         |            |                            |                           | 2.10            |                    | 2.10     |
| E. Rogers .....      |            |                            |                           | 5.40            |                    | 5.40     |
| W. Rogers .....      |            |                            |                           | 15.40           |                    | 15.40    |
| A. Sabatinelli ..... |            |                            |                           | 236.00          | 48.00              | 284.00   |
| G. Sabatinelli ..... | 60.00      |                            | 9.59                      |                 |                    | 69.59    |
| N. Thibeault .....   | 44.80      |                            |                           | 87.50           | 67.20              | 199.50   |
| A. Tetreault .....   | 385.61     | 132.05                     | 56.89                     | 125.77          | 42.00              | 742.32   |
| K. Taft .....        | 28.00      |                            |                           |                 |                    | 28.00    |

# SCHEDULE OF WAGES PAID EMPLOYEES ON ALL HIGHWAY WORK IN 1946—Con't.

| Name                | Chapter 81 | Chapter 90<br>Construction | Chapter 90<br>Maintenance | Snow<br>Removal | General<br>Repairs | TOTALS     |
|---------------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------|
| K. Taylor .....     | 12.00      | 323.73                     | 239.48                    | 38.37           |                    | 613.58     |
| E. Taft .....       |            |                            |                           | 7.00            |                    | 7.00       |
| C. Trask .....      |            |                            |                           | 2.10            |                    | 2.10       |
| W. Wagner .....     |            |                            | 23.10                     | 37.94           |                    | 61.04      |
| A. Wolec .....      | 161.50     | 337.53                     | 204.38                    |                 | 30.00              | 733.41     |
| S. Wilbur .....     | 63.70      |                            | 5.20                      |                 |                    | 68.90      |
| R. Wright .....     |            |                            |                           | 2.89            |                    | 2.89       |
| J. Whalen .....     |            |                            |                           | 17.50           |                    | 17.50      |
| W. Yanski, Jr. .... |            | 64.40                      | 29.70                     | 44.73           |                    | 138.83     |
| W. Yanski .....     |            | 13.80                      |                           |                 |                    | 13.80      |
| E. Yanski .....     |            | 41.40                      |                           |                 |                    | 41.40      |
| TOTALS .....        | \$3,478.58 | \$3,087.05                 | \$1,558.39                | \$1,138.60      | \$504.10           | \$9,766.72 |

# SCHEDULE OF AMOUNTS PAID FOR RENTED EQUIPMENT.

## TRUCKS.

| Name                      | Chapter 81 | Chapter 90<br>Construction | Chapter 90<br>Maintenance | Snow<br>Removal | General<br>Repairs | TOTALS   |
|---------------------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------|
| D. K. Barnes .....        | \$361.05   | \$186.00                   | \$14.80                   | \$62.75         |                    | \$624.60 |
| L. Hazard .....           |            | 196.00                     |                           |                 |                    | 196.00   |
| C. Kuchinski (Sutton) ... | 430.03     |                            |                           |                 |                    | 430.03   |
| H. Lowell .....           |            |                            |                           | 12.00           |                    | 12.00    |
| N. Rogers .....           | 300.25     | 342.00                     | 31.45                     | 125.00          |                    | 798.70   |
| C. Taft .....             | 344.40     | 268.00                     | 53.65                     | 119.80          |                    | 785.85   |
| L. Tetreault .....        | 359.80     | 165.00                     | 7.40                      | 198.90          |                    | 731.10   |
| L. Weirsmä .....          |            |                            |                           | 108.00          |                    | 108.00   |
| J. White .....            |            |                            |                           | 191.75          |                    | 191.75   |

## COMPRESSOR WORK

|                      |        |        |       |  |  |        |
|----------------------|--------|--------|-------|--|--|--------|
| G. Poirier .....     |        |        | 31.50 |  |  | 31.50  |
| G. Sabatinelli ..... | 153.00 |        | 13.50 |  |  | 166.50 |
| Leo Brothers .....   |        | 344.05 |       |  |  | 344.05 |

## POWER SHOVEL.

|                    |        |          |  |  |  |          |
|--------------------|--------|----------|--|--|--|----------|
| Leo Brothers ..... |        | 1,618.00 |  |  |  | 1,618.00 |
| G. Poirier .....   | 933.00 |          |  |  |  | 933.00   |

## GRADER

|                        |  |  |  |  |  |       |
|------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|-------|
| Town of Uxbridge ..... |  |  |  |  |  | 24.00 |
|------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|-------|

# SCHEDULE OF AMOUNTS PAID FOR RENTED EQUIPMENT--Con't.

| Name                     | Chapter 81 | Chapter 90<br>Construction | Chapter 90<br>Maintenance | Snow<br>Removal | General<br>Repairs | TOTALS     |
|--------------------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------|
| ROLLER                   |            |                            |                           |                 |                    |            |
| Town of Milford .....    |            | 36.00                      |                           |                 |                    | 36.00      |
| Town of Northbridge .... | 108.00     |                            |                           |                 |                    | 108.00     |
| ROAD MIXER               |            |                            |                           |                 |                    |            |
| F. Conway .....          |            | 60.00                      |                           |                 |                    | 60.00      |
| TOWN EQUIPMENT.          |            |                            |                           |                 |                    |            |
| Grader .....             | 314.00     | 128.00                     |                           |                 |                    | 442.00     |
| Spreader .....           | 33.50      | 8.00                       |                           |                 |                    | 41.50      |
| Town Truck .....         | 924.80     | 376.75                     | 293.20                    | 542.15          | 163.35             | 2,300.25   |
| TOTALS .....             | \$4,261.83 | \$3,743.80                 | \$453.50                  | \$1,360.35      | \$163.35           | \$9,982.83 |



## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS.

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Mendon, Mass., January 9, 1947.

Owing to the inability to obtain material for the construction of the East Mendon District Water System, the installation of the system was postponed until the spring of 1947.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN E. GOODNOW, Chairman,  
EVERETT G. WATSON, Clerk,  
DONATO F. LEONE,

Mendon Water Commissioners.

SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF THE TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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The Trustees of the Taft Public Library present the report of the Librarian and the Financial Report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1946.

After serving several years as Secretary of the Library Trustees Edward T. Whiting felt that he could no longer serve as he has moved to the Cape. The Trustees wish to express their thanks for the time and work that he so willingly gave.

Mrs. Verena R. Daley, former librarian, was appointed a Trustee to fill the vacancy caused by Edward T. Whiting's resignation.

With limited funds available and the higher cost of books the Trustees are endeavoring to buy the books for reference as well as the lighter fiction to keep the standard of our Library as high as possible. Mendon really has a very fine library for a small town. The librarian cooperates with the school teachers and is always willing to help in the selection of books.

Respectfully submitted,  
VERENA R. DALEY, Secretary,  
MRS. LENA W. GEORGE,  
SILAS DUDLEY,  
LEONARD ROGERS,  
PERCY ROWE,

Library Trustees.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Appropriation ..... | \$550 00 |
|---------------------|----------|

Expenditures:

|                                                   |        |          |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Carl L. Smith, supplies .....                     | \$1 25 |          |
| Worcester Suburban Electric Company .....         | 13 00  |          |
| H. W. Wilson Company, books .....                 | 13 99  |          |
| American Library Association, maga-<br>zine ..... | 3 00   |          |
| Gaylord Bros., supplies .....                     | 15 10  |          |
| Flora Hammond, cleaning .....                     | 14 50  |          |
| Lester Hill, Electrician .....                    | 2 00   |          |
| Vestella M. Daniels, salary .....                 | 225 00 |          |
| Personal Book Shop .....                          | 59 53  |          |
| Nina M. Burr, magazines .....                     | 51 50  |          |
| Raymond Dudley, janitor .....                     | 104 03 |          |
| Dura Binding Company .....                        | 29 82  |          |
| Nipmuc Ice Company, wood .....                    | 12 00  |          |
|                                                   |        |          |
|                                                   |        | \$544 72 |
| Balance .....                                     |        | 5 28     |

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

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TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY:—

The circulation for the year (98 days) was 4732 volumes. The largest number given out in one day was 157, the smallest, 17, the average, 48. The circulation by classes was as follows: Fiction, 3680; Magazines, 438; Biography, 115; Travel, 93; History, 157; Literature, 38; Fine Arts, 45; Science and Useful Arts, 104; all others, 62.

There are 10198 volumes in the library. 155 books were added this year. 71 were bought by the Fletcher Fund, 38 by the Town and 46 were gifts.

The library subscribes to the American Magazine, American Home, Atlantic Monthly, Better Homes and Gardens, Boys' Life, Child Life, Colliers', Good Housekeeping, Instructor, Ladies' Home Journal, Life, McCalls', National Geographic, Parents' Magazine, Popular Mechanics, Readers' Digest, Red Book, Saturday Evening Post and Woman's Home Companion.

\$34.83 was received in fines during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

VESTELLA M. DANIELS,

Librarian.

January 1, 1947.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

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TO THE CITIZENS OF MENDON:

Pursuant to Chapter 41, Section 50, of the General Laws, I have examined and checked the accounts of the various Town Officers receiving and disbursing municipal funds for the fiscal year Ending December 31, 1946, and find their accounts correctly cast with vouchers carefully filed.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM A. BARRY.

Auditor.

Mendon, January 18, 1947.

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

OF THE

## TOWN OF MENDON

## MASSACHUSETTS

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1946

# SCHOOL DIRECTORY 1946—1947.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

|                                                                                                        |                   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Leonard M. Rogers, Chairman .....                                                                      | Term Expires 1947 |
| G. Kenneth Taft, Secretary .....                                                                       | Term Expires 1949 |
| John L. Lundvall .....                                                                                 | Term Expires 1948 |
| Regular meetings held at the Center School building on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30 P. M. |                   |

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS—PERCY L. ROWE.

The Superintendent may be met every Tuesday and Wednesday at the Mendon Center High School or by appointment.

Office—Center School, Bellingham Center

Office Hours—4 to 5 o'clock P. M. on school days.

Telephone, Office—Milford 152-4

## SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

K. A. Campbell, M. D. .... Telephone, Milford, 102

## SCHOOL NURSE.

Helen C. Grady, R. N., Supervisor ..... Milford District Nursing Association

## JANITOR.

Raymond Barrows ..... Center School

## TRANSPORTATION AGENTS

Harold C. Barrows, Mendon, Mass.

Herbert S. Wood, Mendon, Mass.

## ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Harold C. Barrows

Mendon, Mass.



# TEACHERS.

| Name                               | Subject or Grade.                           | Preparation                                       | Degrees or Yrs. in Town | Yrs. Ser. |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Henry P. Clough, Principal         | History, Algebra,<br>Geometry, French       | Dartmouth College and<br>New Hampshire University | B.S.<br>Ed.M.           | 19th      |
| Raymond F. Biedrzycki              | Math., Biology,<br>Science, Chemistry       | Rhode Island State                                | B.S.                    | First     |
| Barbara Hammann<br>(Resigned)      | English, Civics                             | Pembroke College                                  | B.A.                    | Second    |
| Mary C. McCormack                  | Commercial Ed. History                      | Regis College                                     | B.S.                    | Second    |
| Eleanor D. McDonough<br>(Resigned) | Home Economics, General<br>Science, Biology | Framingham State Tea. Col.                        | B.S.E.                  | First     |
| Virginia Farrell                   | Home Economics,<br>Geography, History       | Framingham State Tea. Col.                        | B.S.E.                  | First     |
| Rita Manion                        | English                                     | Regis College                                     | B.A.                    | Second    |
| Virginia Mayo                      | Grades 5 and 6                              | Bridgewater State Tea. Col.                       | B.S.                    | Third     |
| Barbara Seaver                     | Grades 4 and 5                              | Framingham State Tea. Col.                        | B.S.E.                  | Second    |
| Grace Gaskell                      | Grades 2 and 3                              | Framingham State Tea. Col.                        | Two                     | Eighth    |
| Bertha Hammann                     | Grade 1                                     | Rhode Island College                              | 2½                      | Second    |

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR PERIOD FROM  
JANUARY, 1947 TO JUNE, 1948.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Open January 6, 1947, Close April 18, 1947

Open April 28, 1947, Close June 19, 1947

SUMMER VACATION.

Open September 3, 1947, Close December 19, 1947

Open January 5, 1948, Close April 16, 1948

Open April 26, 1948, Close June 17, 1948

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

Close February 20, 1948, Open March 1, 1948

Otherwise, same as High School

Close June 12, 1947, Close June 11, 1948

HOLIDAYS.

Memorial Day, May 30, 1947

Columbus Day, October 13, 1947

Armistice Day, November 11, 1947

Thanksgiving Recess, November 27-28, 1947

All legal holidays

### AGE OF ADMISSION TO SCHOOL.

Any child who becomes six years of age on or before January first of the year following the term when he wishes to enter school may be admitted into the first grade, but in every case the admission of a child under six shall be dependent upon the fitness of the child to profit by the work of the school, such fitness to be determined by the superintendent. Pupils under seven years of age who have not previously attended school shall not be permitted to enter later than thirty days after the opening of school in September of any school year.

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### SCHOOL REGULATIONS.

Any complaint or representation which any person desires to make shall be presented or referred in writing to the superintendent of schools, who, in his discretion may bring it before the school committee. In cases of discipline or other school matters relating to their children, parents shall first discuss the matter with the teacher concerned. If for some reason they are not satisfied they will further discuss the matter with the following persons, if necessary, and in the following order: first, the principal of the building and then the superintendent of schools. If, finally, the superintendent has been unable to satisfy the parents, he shall report the case to the school committee for consideration and action.

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### THE NO SCHOOL SIGNAL.

It is the policy of the school officials to practically abandon the use of the "no school" signal on account of weather conditions. This is in line with what many other cities and towns are doing. The reasons for so doing are that much con-

fusion has resulted from the use of the "no school" signal, and the realization that the loss of even one school day is a very serious one.

However, there may be days when it is advisable to close schools on account of severe weather conditions or other emergency.

Arrangements have been made with Radio Stations WNAC, WBZ, and WEAN to broadcast the fact whenever it is necessary to close the schools. The siren will also blow two blasts twice at 7.30 A. M.

If schools do not close on any particularly bad day (rain, snow, or cold) parents are requested, and urged, to use their own judgment in sending their children to school.

## SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT.

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### RECEIPTS.

|                             |             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| General Appropriation ..... | \$27,030 17 |             |
| Dog Tax, 1946 .....         | 447 83      |             |
| Total Receipts .....        | —————       | \$27,478 00 |
| Total Expenditures .....    | \$27,462 31 |             |
| Unexpended Balance .....    |             | 15 69       |

### REIMBURSEMENTS.

|                                          |            |            |
|------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| General School Fund, Part I .....        | \$1,397 15 |            |
| General School Fund, Part II .....       | 3,146 75   |            |
| Superintendent: Salary, Transportation   | 773 33     |            |
| High School Grant .....                  | 871 45     |            |
| Tuition, Transportation State Wards .... | 230 23     |            |
| Vocational Education .....               | 117 74     |            |
| Total Reimbursements .....               | —————      | \$6,536 63 |

### TAXATION COST OF SCHOOLS.

|                            |             |             |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total Expenditures .....   | \$27,462 31 |             |
| Reimbursements .....       | 6,536 63    |             |
| Net Cost by Taxation ..... | —————       | \$20,925 68 |

### EXPENDITURES.

|                                  |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| School Committee Expense .....   | \$25 00  |
| Superintendent's Salary .....    | 1,097 96 |
| Superintendent's Expenses .....  | 187 31   |
| Salary of Music Supervisor ..... | 270 92   |

|                                        |                   |    |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------|----|
| Salary of Handwriting Supervisor ..... | 140               | 00 |
| Salaries of Teachers .....             | 13,812            | 85 |
| Textbooks .....                        | 555               | 59 |
| School Supplies .....                  | 893               | 31 |
| Wages of Janitor .....                 | 1,730             | 34 |
| Fuel .....                             | 1,290             | 39 |
| Janitor's Supplies .....               | 364               | 56 |
| Electricity .....                      | 269               | 88 |
| Telephone .....                        | 79                | 65 |
| Repairs .....                          | 1,095             | 76 |
| Health .....                           | 338               | 33 |
| Transportation .....                   | 4,788             | 86 |
| Tuition .....                          | 136               | 62 |
| New Equipment .....                    | 384               | 98 |
| Total Expenditures .....               | ————— \$27,462 31 |    |

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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Mendon, Massachusetts.

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF MENDON:

We present herewith the annual report of the School Committee to bring to your attention some of the more important facts relating to the functioning of that department.

One matter of primary importance to the taxpayers is of course, the increase in the annual budget, which was more or less inevitable. This increase of approximately \$6,000. is in part, due to the increase in the cost of living which has caused a nationwide demand for higher wages for teachers and school employees.

We have an excellent staff of teachers and will endeavor to maintain this standard by paying salaries commensurate with the service rendered, and comparable to towns of similar or slightly better financial status. This way we shall retain the high educational standards of which Mendon has always been proud. Approximately 50% of the increase in the budget has been due to the substantial increases in salaries of the teaching staff and school employees, supervisors, etc. Cost of maintenance, materials, health and medical service, school supplies, textbooks, etc., account for the rest of the budget increase.

We regret exceedingly the passing of our music supervisor, Mr. Gellatly, and we are trying to replace him with another to maintain this very important part of our curriculum.



Two particularly expensive items have not been included in the budget but which must be kept in mind and while they should be termed more as investments than expenses, they must be provided for in the near future. An improvement or replacement of the sewage system will be necessary as soon as soil pipe and other materials are available. The present system is inadequate and is causing damage to an abutter's property. This abutter has very considerably agreed, verbally, not to press damage claims, provided the situation is corrected as soon as is practical and possible. A survey by a competent sanitation engineer has estimated the cost of this improvement at approximately \$2400. (1946 price.)

Another item which will have to be taken care of in the near future will be the replacement of the heating system in the school building. This has been brought to our attention regularly in the constant expense of repairs of the boiler and stoker. A competent heating engineer has assured the committee that our present cast iron sectional boiler has outlived the life expectancy of that type of equipment by two years at the present time, having certain parts installed as early as 1920, and is only as efficient as would be expected of a boiler of that age and type. He has recommended that it be replaced as soon as it fails or it is convenient, by an efficient, modern steel tubular boiler with an oil burner engineered to match same. He has assured us that a substantial saving in cost of fuel for the amount of heat delivered will result from the installation of such a system.

When it becomes necessary to take care of these items, the appropriations for same will be brought up as separate items at either a regular or special town meeting.

Our stoker has been overhauled this past summer and other general maintenance items taken care of as they have arisen. We expect to re-cover the worn stair tread surfaces, and places where necessary in the halls and entrances as soon

as contractors for same are available. It is necessary to keep in mind that the repainting of the exterior of the school building will be necessary in 1948.

Several floors in the school building have been resurfaced, desks sanded, etc. Some tools have been purchased to facilitate the maintenance of building and grounds by our school custodian.

Some other items of general interest such as school lunches have been considered and information gathered regarding them. Later we expect to have a State Extension expert on school lunch programs in attendance at one of the meetings of the newly organized Parent-Teachers' Association, provided it meets with the approval of that association.

We believe that this association will prove of real value to the educational system of the Town, and will be glad to cooperate with them in any way possible. We extend herewith our heartiest and best wishes for the welfare of the organization, and the achievement of its purpose.

We wish to express our thanks to Superintendent Mr. Rowe, Principal Mr. Clough, all of the teachers and supervisors, transportation agents, custodian and all those responsible for the health and safety of our children for their cooperation in our endeavor to provide the most efficient, advanced and useful education possible for the children of Mendon as an investment in the future welfare of the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

LEONARD M. ROGERS, Chairman,  
G. KENNETH TAFT, Secretary,  
JOHN L. LUNDVALL,

Mendon School Committee.

## TO THE JUNIOR CITIZENS OF MENDON:

We ask you to read the reports on the various problems of the School Department. Note the increase in the expense to our Town necessary to maintain our present high grade educational system and then talk over these things with your parents, to see how you can cooperate with all of us, in delivering to you YOUR EDUCATION FOR THE FUTURE, realizing how much greater is the need now, for it than in the past.

Although school buses are private property and should be treated as such, school property belongs to you, and what you can contribute to its length of usefulness by proper care and use, will be a direct gain and saving to your parents, yourself and all of us.

We will expect and appreciate your cooperation with teachers, bus drivers and all educational facilities placed at your disposal, for after all, the person who will obtain the greatest benefit from your education, is yourself.

LEONARD M. ROGERS.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

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Mendon, Massachusetts,  
January 10, 1947.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF MENDON:

GENTLEMEN:

It is with pleasure that I submit to you for your consideration my annual report as Superintendent of Schools of Mendon.

There have been only two changes in the teaching staff during the calendar year 1946. Miss Barbara Hammann resigned in January to be married. Miss Rita Manion who previously taught in grades seven and eight was given Miss Hammann's place in the English department. Miss Manion is well qualified for this work as her major in college consisted of English. Mr. Raymond Biedrzycki, of Chicopee, a graduate of Rhode Island State College was elected to take the position left vacant by the transfer of Miss Manion. In September Mr. Biedrzycki was given some high school subjects in addition to his seventh and eighth grade work. Miss Eleanor McDonough of the Home Economics Department resigned in the summer to accept a better position. Mrs. Virginia Farrell was elected to this vacancy on a substitute basis for the year and began her work at the opening of school in September. Mrs. Farrell is a graduate of the Framingham State Teachers College and had some teaching experience before beginning her work in Mendon.

We are fortunate in not having more changes. In 1945 we opened school in September with five new teachers and in 1946 with only one. A large turnover of the teachers is very undesirable. It interferes with the efficient operation and administration of a school system. This small change in the teaching staff is due in large part to salary increases granted. Further salary increases will have to be given in order to keep our present teachers, and to get others should any resign at the close of school in June, 1947. The Committee has voted an increase of fifteen per cent effective January 1, 1947.

It is with the deepest of regret that we note the passing of Mr. David Gellatly, our music supervisor for several years. Mr. Gellatly was an excellent teacher and a fine man. He was conscientious, dependable, and faithful. He will be greatly missed by the entire school personnel.

Realizing the inadequacy of teachers' salaries to meet the present high cost of living, practically all cities and towns have either raised or made plans to substantially increase their pay. This tendency is nation wide in scope. To meet the additional costs there will be a bill, or bills, introduced in the General Court of 1947 granting greater reimbursements for educational purposes to the municipalities of the Commonwealth. It is not possible at this time to determine whether or not any more aid for educational purposes will be received in 1947.

It is imperative that some action be taken to aid education, our greatest national asset.

This year our total enrollment is practically the same as last year. According to figures there should be an upward trend again in the school membership. The highest enrollment in recent years was in 1942 with 307 pupils. The lowest was in 1946 with 247. The population of the Town in 1935 was 1265. In 1940 it was 1315, and in 1945 was 1504. In the



ten year period there has been a gain of 239. It would be natural to look for a gradual increase in school enrollment in the next few years. The enrollment figures for the last ten years follow:

| Year       | Enrollment |
|------------|------------|
| 1937 ..... | 261        |
| 1938 ..... | 272        |
| 1939 ..... | 263        |
| 1940 ..... | 274        |
| 1941 ..... | 298        |
| 1942 ..... | 307        |
| 1943 ..... | 284        |
| 1944 ..... | 262        |
| 1945 ..... | 249        |
| 1946 ..... | 247        |

Very satisfactory progress has been made in the regular school program of studies. Particular stress has again been placed on reading and the language skills. Every possible aid has been purchased and used in the field of reading in the first three grades. More new textbooks have been obtained than for several years. New books consist of spelling, reading, social studies, and science. Teachers are providing for individual differences in pupils by using small groups, giving individual attention, and by special help when necessary. All in all, I feel that our children are making sound, satisfactory progress, and that they would compare very favorably with a nation-wide average.

Mr. A. Russell Mack, Supervisor of Secondary Education, of the State Department of Education, visited the school in January, spending an entire forenoon in visiting classes and inspecting the facilities of the building. Mr. Mack was very

favorably impressed with the work being done. His major criticism was the high percentage of teacher changes the year before. Fortunately, we have overcome this fault to a very large extent this year.

Beginning in September the Rinehart System of Hand-writing was adopted and introduced into the school system. This is a functional system with the skill acquired carrying over into all written work. The work is carefully supervised with instructors visiting and taking charge of classroom work at least once each school month. Each pupil's work is carefully diagnosed and his progress noted.

Improvement in this important art has been made and as time goes on still greater improvement will follow.

Two new typewriters were purchased for the Commercial Department. A new liquid process duplicator was obtained in April. This is used in all grades for quantity purposes of any kind of work, either written, typewritten, or drawn. Enough copies for a large class can be conveniently and quickly made. New electric clocks were placed in the physics laboratory, and the Household Arts Department. A good used electric sewing machine was also placed in the Household Arts Department.

Education Week was observed in November. One day was set aside as "open house" day and parents were invited to visit the school and classes. For the most part the regular classroom work was carried on. Many parents visited the different classes and saw the school program of studies as it usually operates. Parents are cordially invited to visit the school at any time.

A Parent-Teacher organization was formed late in the year. It is hoped that all parents will join and take advantage of the opportunity of getting acquainted with the teachers and talking over their problems with them. This offers a splendid



opportunity for parents and teachers to meet informally and discuss problems of individual children. A fine spirit of cooperation can be built up which will be of great benefit to our school system.

Classes in aviation were held at the school building during the fall months. This work was under the direction of Mr. Millis of the Mendon Airport, in cooperation with the Federal and State Governments and the State Department of Education. Many availed themselves of this opportunity to get necessary groundwork instruction in aeronautics.

No outstanding repairs have been made during the year. Routine repairs have been taken care of as trouble originated. The boiler had to be relined in the summer. The vacuum pump and motor had to be fully overhauled. The stoker motor was put into good working condition. New worm gears had to be replaced in the stoker. The hardness of the water made necessary some plumbing repairs. Better desks were installed in the fifth and sixth grade room replacing those which were badly worn. Some desks were also placed in the first and second grade room, and many desks were sanded and refinished. Two new electrical outlets were installed in the home economics room.

In 1947 action should be taken on two very important items of repair, the heating plant and the sewage system. The heating plant is very costly to operate as it seems necessary each summer to expend several hundred dollars for boiler work. New linings seem to be necessary as well as a great deal of work on the stoker. In addition, the stoker is not efficient in very cold weather and needs almost constant attention.

The present cesspool has been causing trouble by overflowing for some time. This condition is neither healthful nor sanitary. It should be permanently taken care of as soon

as school closes in June by the building of a new septic tank or cesspool further away from the building, and built in such a manner that it cannot run over.

Some painting should be done on the interior of the building. New stair treads should be put in where needed, and new floor covering in the halls and corridors where worn.

In conclusion I wish to express to you my deep and sincere appreciation for your efforts so earnestly made during the year for the best interests of the school. I also want to thank Mr. Clough, the Principal, the teachers, townspeople, and pupils who have all cooperated wholeheartedly to make the year a most successful one.

Respectfully submitted,

PERCY L. ROWE,

Superintendent of Schools.

October 1, 1946

## AGE AND GRADE CHART

| Grade  | AGE |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |       |  | Totals |  |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-------|--|--------|--|
|        | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  | Boys | Girls |  |        |  |
| I      | B   | 2   | 8   | 1   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11   | ...   |  |        |  |
|        | G   | 1   | 7   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | 8     |  |        |  |
| II     | B   | ... | 1   | 9   | 2   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12   | ...   |  |        |  |
|        | G   | ... | 1   | 8   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | 9     |  |        |  |
| III    | B   | ... | ... | 3   | 5   | 1   | 1   | ... | 1   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11   | ...   |  |        |  |
|        | G   | ... | ... | 3   | 9   | 1   | 1   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | 14    |  |        |  |
| IV     | B   | ... | ... | ... | 1   | 8   | 2   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11   | ...   |  |        |  |
|        | G   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4   | 3   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | 7     |  |        |  |
| V      | B   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1   | 4   | 1   | 2   | 1   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9    | ...   |  |        |  |
|        | G   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5   | 11  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | 20    |  |        |  |
| VI     | B   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3   | 5   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...   |  |        |  |
|        | G   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | 9     |  |        |  |
| VII    | B   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...   |  |        |  |
|        | G   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...   |  |        |  |
| VIII   | B   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...   |  |        |  |
|        | G   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...   |  |        |  |
| IX     | B   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...   |  |        |  |
|        | G   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...   |  |        |  |
| X      | B   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...   |  |        |  |
|        | G   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...   |  |        |  |
| XI     | B   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...   |  |        |  |
|        | G   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...   |  |        |  |
| XII    | B   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...   |  |        |  |
|        | G   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...  | ...   |  |        |  |
| Totals |     | 3   | 17  | 24  | 17  | 20  | 25  | 18  | 32  | 23  | 25  | 19  | 11  | 2   | 129  | 247   |  |        |  |
| Boys   |     | 2   | 9   | 13  | 8   | 10  | 7   | 9   | 23  | 15  | 12  | 10  | 7   | 3   | 1    | 129   |  |        |  |
| Girls  |     | 1   | 8   | 11  | 9   | 10  | 18  | 9   | 9   | 8   | 13  | 9   | 4   | 8   | 1    | 118   |  |        |  |

## REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL.

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TO MR. PERCY L. ROWE,  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:—

I herewith submit the annual report of the Mendon Center School.

Nine pupils graduated from Mendon High School June 13, 1946: Merrill R. Bracci, Rosamond F. Coe, Patricia Gaskell, Eleanor Hogarth, Virginia F. Irons, Jean H. McTurk, Jacob Oppewal, Kenneth L. Phipps, Wesley T. Rogers. First honors in scholarship were attained by Patricia Gaskell and second honors by Rosamond F. Coe. The award of the Alumni Medal was made to Patricia Gaskell. Jean H. McTurk received the Good Citizenship Pin and Scroll from the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The annual Prize Speaking Contest was held at the Mendon Town Hall April 5, 1946. Eleven pupils presented readings. First prize was won by Faye A. Pouliot, second prize by Frances M. Fisk, and third prize by Gilbert W. Beal.

A minstrel show was given on March 15, 1946 for the benefit of the Washington Trip Fund.

On December 6, 1946 the Senior Class Play entitled "All Grown Up" was ably presented to a capacity audience at Mendon Town Hall.

After a lapse of three years due to wartime restrictions, the Washington Trip was resumed during the April vacation. The system of class dues collection for the Washington Trip is once more in full operation and, unless unforeseen developments arise, it is probable that the trip can be financed adequately without changes in the present regulations.

The baseball team played a nine game schedule during the regular season and, during the fall and winter months, boys interested in basketball have been able to practice weekly in Milford under the direction of Mr. Raymond Biedrzycki.

The death of Mr. David N. Gellatly, Supervisor of Music for the past ten years occurred in December, 1946 after an illness of several months. His many pupils and associates felt deeply the loss of a highly respected teacher whose contribution to the school was inestimable.

Enrollment figures for the year show a slight decrease in the elementary grades with approximately the same membership in the junior and senior high school grades. The figures as of January 6, 1947 are as follows: Grade one—18; Grade two—21; Grade three—26; Grade four—20; Grade five—28; Grade six—20; Grade seven—39; Grade eight—16; Grade nine—19; Grade ten—15; Grade eleven—11; Grade twelve—11.

The purchase of a liquid process duplicating machine has provided an addition to the building equipment which is proving to be an excellent and efficient teaching aid.

The teaching staff of the school is earnest and sincere in the effort to teach the youth of Mendon the fundamentals of

successful and happy living. In conclusion, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the teachers, the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Rowe, the members of the School Committee, and to parents and members of the community who have contributed to the achievement of this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. CLOUGH,

Principal.



## SCHOOL NURSE'S ANNUAL REPORT

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TO MR. PERCY L. ROWE,

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:—

I herewith submit the Annual School Nurse's report for the year ending December 31, 1946.

The District Nursing Association has just finished its twenty-sixth year of school nurse supervision in the Mendon school.

In 1946, Center School was visited at least one day a week when school was in session, usually on a Tuesday.

It was difficult to work out a definite schedule, but an effort was made to visit the classrooms each visiting day and talk with the teachers. At this time a health talk may have been given, a classroom inspected or individual talks with pupils whom the teachers or parents had drawn to my attention.

School nursing cannot be compared to a music supervisor's or a writing teacher's work among the school children, where results can be noted almost at once.

A school nurse's work is largely prevention and corrective work and has much to do with the home life of our school child as it has with the school life.

During 1946 the school children were quite free from contagious diseases to any great extent.



Chicken-pox, measles, german measles and one case of scarlet-fever with a few cases of scabies were reported by the parents.

The following is a summary of the work done by the nurse in the school building.

All children were weighed and measured three times in 1946 and weight reports sent home to parents.

A large number of these children were done when they were babies through the efforts of the district nurses.

Every new child entering our school as well as every new family, with children, moving into town are questioned as to this treatment. This past year fifteen pre-school children received the three protective doses of Toxoid. As these will later be our school children I feel I should include this item in this report.

|                                                                      |     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Number of Cleanliness Inspections of pupils .....                    | 207 |
| Number of Classroom Inspections of pupils .....                      | 76  |
| Number of pupils advised .....                                       | 236 |
| Number of pupils inspected for disease .....                         | 219 |
| Number of pupils treated for minor injuries .....                    | 54  |
| Number of pupils excluded from school .....                          | 25  |
| Number of health talks to classes .....                              | 19  |
| Number of talks with teachers regarding pupils .....                 | 107 |
| Number of home visits regarding absentees or health conditions ..... | 145 |

In the fall Dr. Campbell the school physician was assisted with the general physical examinations of the school children.

The following is a summary of the defects found on the 222 pupils examined:

|                                 |    |
|---------------------------------|----|
| Defective teeth .....           | 55 |
| Enlarged tonsils .....          | 37 |
| Enlarged adenoids .....         | 1  |
| Wax in ears .....               | 14 |
| Heart murmurs .....             | 7  |
| Signs of nervous disorder ..... | 3  |
| Anemia .....                    | 4  |
| Skin conditions .....           | 4  |
| Defective eye conditions .....  | 3  |

Notices of these defects were sent home to parents.

Although the teachers are responsible for the testing of the hearing and eyesight of the pupils the nurse assists by re-testing all questionable cases.

Due to the follow-up work done each year, about ninety per cent of our Mendon School children are protected from diphtheria.

In closing, may I thank Mr. Rowe, Mr. Clough and all the teachers for their cooperation. I also wish to express my appreciation to the school committee, the Board of Health and the parents for their understanding and confidence.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN C. GRADY, R. N.,

School Nurse.

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#### REPORT OF VISION TESTS.

|                                                    |     |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Number of pupils tested for vision .....           | 141 |
| Number of pupils found with defective vision ..... | 6   |
| Number of parents notified .....                   | 6   |

# MENDON HIGH SCHOOL PRIZE SPEAKING CONTEST

MENDON TOWN HALL, APRIL 5, 1946, 8.00 P. M.

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|                                            |             |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------|
| I Give Thee Back .....                     | Black       |
| Frances M. Brown                           |             |
| What Is America .....                      | Carney      |
| Kenneth L. Phipps                          |             |
| The Rose Garden .....                      | Law         |
| Frances M. Fisk                            |             |
| Rescue of Father Fauchelevent .....        | Hugo        |
| Frederick J. Grant                         |             |
| The Bride and the Burglar .....            | Neville     |
| Faye A. Pouliot                            |             |
| Mother Machree .....                       | Olcott      |
| Lois J. Wagner                             |             |
| Betty at the Baseball Game .....           | Anonymous   |
| Annette O. Rondeau                         |             |
| Lest We Forget .....                       | Dickover    |
| Gilbert W. Beal                            |             |
| Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata .....         | Anonymous   |
| Margaret C. Desmarais                      |             |
| Can Germany Be Successfully Disarmed ..... | Fleming     |
| Earl W. Rogers                             |             |
| The Light .....                            | Van Antwerp |
| Shirley A. Kneeland                        |             |
| The Accordionists On Parade .....          | Mosti       |
| Benigno Leone                              |             |
| Decision of the Judges                     |             |

GRADUATION EXERCISES  
OF  
MENDON HIGH SCHOOL

UNITARIAN CHURCH

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 1946

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PROGRAM

Processional—March of the Priests ..... Mendelssohn  
Mrs. Bertha B. Rogers

Invocation  
Rev. Stanley R. Welch

Salutatory and Essay—Resources of New England  
Rosamond F. Coe

Song—To Thee, O Country ..... Eichberg  
High School Chorus

Essay—Agriculture in New England  
Jacob Oppewal

Essay—New England Industry  
Virginia F. Irons

Song—The Heavens Are Declaring ..... Beethoven  
High School Chorus

Essay—Trade and Transportation in New England  
Merrill R. Bracci

Essay and Valedictory—

New England People and Their Heritage  
Patricia Gaskell

Award and Diploma Presentation

Mr. Leonard M. Rogers,  
Chairman of School Committee

Star Spangled Banner

Benediction

Rev. Stanley R. Welch

Recessional—Grand March from Aida ..... Verdi  
Mrs. Bertha B. Rogers

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## GRADUATES OF MENDON HIGH SCHOOL

### CLASS OF 1946.

Merrill Ralph Bracci  
Rosamond Freida Coe  
Patricia Gaskell  
Eleanor Hogarth  
Virginia Fiske Irons  
Jean Hope McTurk  
Jacob Oppewal  
Kenneth LeRoy Phipps  
Wesley Thayer Rogers

# TOWN WARRANT

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

*Worcester, ss.*

To the Constable of the Town of Mendon in the County of  
 Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Mendon qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Mendon on Monday, the third day of March A. D., 1947, punctually at 9 o'clock A. M., to act on the following articles, 1 and 2. Article 3 and all following Articles on this Warrant will be acted upon Friday, the seventh day of March at 7 P. M.

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside over said meeting.

Article 2. To bring in their ballots for the following Town Officers: One Town Clerk for one year, One Selectman for three years; One Selectman for one year; One Assessor for three years; One Town Treasurer for one year; One Auditor for one year; One Constable for one year; One Tree Warden for one year; One Trustee of the Taft Public Library for two years; One Member of the School Committee for three years; One Park Commissioner for three years; One Highway Surveyor for one year; all on one ballot designating the office intended for each person voted for.

Article 3. To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and Committees, and act thereon.

Article 4. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 5. To appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town expenses for the financial year beginning January 1, 1947.

(This is not a complete Warrant.)

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in said Mendon and causing a copy to be published once in the Milford Daily News, a newspaper published in Milford, Mass., both said posting and publication to be at least seven days before the time of the meeting hereby ordered to be held.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said town before the time of meeting aforesaid.

SILAS H. DUDLEY.

ROY A. BARROWS,

HAROLD METCALF,

Selectmen of Mendon.



# ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

## TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

## TOWN OF MENDON

INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE

Municipal Year Ending December 31, 1947

281ST ANNUAL REPORT

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MILFORD, MASS.

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## TOWN OF MENDON.

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Town of Mendon Incorporated May 15, 1667.

Population 1504, 1945 Census.

Registered Voters in 1947; Men, 439. Women, 405. Total 844.

Annual Election: First Monday in March.

Annual Meeting: First Friday Evening after the first Monday in March.

County Commissioners:

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| George W. Jones, Chairman ..... | Worcester |
| Elbert M. Crockett .....        | Milford   |
| Francis E. Cassidy .....        | Webster   |

Fourteenth Congressional District

Congressman, Joseph William Martin, Jr. .... North Attleboro

Fourth Senatorial District

Senator, Joseph S. Virostek .....

Webster

Ninth Worcester Representative District

Representative General Court, Peter F. Fitzgerald, Blackstone

Sheriff for Worcester County

William A. Bennett .....

Worcester

## TOWN OFFICERS.

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### SELECTMEN.

(Selectmen serve as Board of Public Welfare  
Board of Health and Fence Viewers).

D. Victor Smith      Harold Metcalf      Lee P. McFarland

### TOWN CLERK.

Albert S. Coleman

### TOWN TREASURER.

Silas H. Dudley

### TAX COLLECTOR.

Arthur P. Dalton

### ASSESSORS.

Carl M. Taft    D. Kinsley Barnes    Charles F. Leonard, Clerk.

### AUDITOR.

William A. Barry

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Robert Chase      Gordon R. Good      John L. Lundvall

### TRUSTEES OF TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Harold Metcalf      John L. Lundvall      Percy Rowe  
Lena W. George      Verena Daley, Secretary

## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

|                 |                          |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Asa Vear        | Joseph W. McEwen         |
| Fred L. Kempton | Albert S. Coleman, Clerk |

## FINANCE COMMITTEE.

|                     |                |                  |
|---------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Franklin E. Goodnow | Roy A. Barrows | Donald B. Lowell |
|---------------------|----------------|------------------|

## PARK COMMISSIONERS.

|                |                     |             |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Norry J. Daige | Francis D. Morrison | Fred Phipps |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------|

|                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Chief of Police ..... | Mathew M. Mantoni |
|-----------------------|-------------------|

## CONSTABLES.

|                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Mathew M. Mantoni | Harold C. Barrows |
|-------------------|-------------------|

|                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Tree Warden ..... | William E. Nuttall |
|-------------------|--------------------|

|                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Town Solicitor ..... | Shelley D. Vincent |
|----------------------|--------------------|

|                   |                |
|-------------------|----------------|
| Dog Officer ..... | Thomas Stevens |
|-------------------|----------------|

|                      |               |
|----------------------|---------------|
| Public Weigher ..... | Martha Dudley |
|----------------------|---------------|

|                                      |                |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| Sealer of Weights and Measures ..... | Kenneth Taylor |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|

|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Superintendent of Schools ..... | Percy Rowe |
|---------------------------------|------------|

|                                    |                  |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Fire Chief and Forest Warden ..... | Harold F. Lowell |
|------------------------------------|------------------|

|                                 |                  |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Superintendent of Streets ..... | William R. Bowen |
|---------------------------------|------------------|

|                    |                |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Burial Agent ..... | Norry J. Daige |
|--------------------|----------------|

Inspectors of Slaughtering ..... Frank Phillips  
Willard Seibert

Inspector of Animals ..... Erle W. Gaskill

Town Accountant ..... Helen F. Irons

WATER COMMISSIONERS.

Franklin Goodnow          Everett Watson          Donato Leone

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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### INCIDENTALS.

|                                     |                  |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Appropriation .....                 | \$2,800 00       |
| Transferred from Reserve Fund ..... | 385 34           |
| Total .....                         | <hr/> \$3,185 34 |

### Expended:

#### SELECTMEN.

|                                                        |                |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Dues to Worcester County Selectmen's Association ..... | \$6 00         |
| Dues to Massachusetts Selectmen's Association .....    | 15 00          |
| Postage .....                                          | 27 76          |
| Milford Daily News, advertising .....                  | 18 53          |
| Hobbs & Warren, license forms .....                    | 14 29          |
| Charlescraft Press, printing .....                     | 7 35           |
| Forbes Press, stationery .....                         | 9 75           |
| Cahill's News Agency, office supplies ....             | 14 00          |
| Miscellaneous .....                                    | 11 50          |
|                                                        | <hr/> \$124 18 |

#### TOWN TREASURER.

|                                                                  |         |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Moses U. Gaskill, making Schedule A                              | \$12 00 |
| Silas H. Dudley, making Schedule A ....                          | 15 00   |
| Dues Massachusetts Collectors' and Treasurers' Association ..... | 1 00    |
| Postage .....                                                    | 44 84   |
| Check books, stationery and supplies ....                        | 62 35   |
| Printing and Certification of Bonds for Water loan .....         | 20 00   |

|                                     |       |          |
|-------------------------------------|-------|----------|
| American Bank Note Co., coupons for |       |          |
| Water loan .....                    | 59 05 |          |
|                                     | <hr/> | \$214 24 |

## TAX COLLECTOR.

|                                    |        |          |
|------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Dues Massachusetts Collector's and |        |          |
| Treasurer's Association .....      | \$1 00 |          |
| Notices .....                      | 60     |          |
| Postage .....                      | 48 00  |          |
| Barre Gazette, supplies .....      | 43 68  |          |
| Hobbs & Warren, supplies .....     | 12 59  |          |
| Deputy Tax Collector's Bond .....  | 5 00   |          |
| Miscellaneous .....                | 4 00   |          |
| Use of car .....                   | 10 00  |          |
|                                    | <hr/>  | \$124 87 |

## ASSESSORS.

|                                      |        |          |
|--------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Dues to State and County Association | \$6 00 |          |
| Postage .....                        | 3 00   |          |
| County Assessors' Meeting .....      | 9 00   |          |
| Carl Taft, use of auto .....         | 20 00  |          |
| Worcester County Abstract Co. ....   | 92 32  |          |
| Hobbs & Warren, supplies .....       | 37 11  |          |
| Miscellaneous .....                  | 2 66   |          |
|                                      | <hr/>  | \$170 09 |

## TOWN COUNSEL.

|                                  |          |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Shelley D. Vincent, salary ..... | \$100 00 |          |
| Conferences and expenses .....   | 75 00    |          |
|                                  | <hr/>    | \$175 00 |

## TOWN CLERK.

|                                       |         |  |
|---------------------------------------|---------|--|
| Woonsocket Typewriter Co., printing   | \$46 25 |  |
| Robinson Seal Company, supplies ..... | 37 95   |  |
| Miscellaneous .....                   | 10 87   |  |



|                                        |       |          |
|----------------------------------------|-------|----------|
| Expenses to Town Clerk's Meetings .... | 52 62 |          |
| Recording fees .....                   | 55 00 |          |
|                                        | <hr/> | \$202 69 |

## ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION OF VOTERS.

|                                                |         |          |
|------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Milford Daily News, advertising warrants ..... | \$44 63 |          |
| Printing ballots, etc. ....                    | 83 25   |          |
| Robinson Seal Co., supplies .....              | 5 09    |          |
| Mendon Ladies' Alliance .....                  | 3 50    |          |
| Payroll, ballot clerks and tellers .....       | 46 90   |          |
| Payroll, registrars' assistants .....          | 41 60   |          |
| Salaries .....                                 | 100 00  |          |
| Albert S. Coleman, listing and clerical .....  | 87 55   |          |
|                                                | <hr/>   | \$412 52 |

## TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE.

|                                  |         |          |
|----------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Carpenter work and repairs ..... | \$49 55 |          |
| Lights .....                     | 16 39   |          |
| Fuel .....                       | 337 99  |          |
| Janitor and extra services ..... | 313 75  |          |
| Supplies .....                   | 25 89   |          |
| Flag .....                       | 18 23   |          |
| Stove .....                      | 10 00   |          |
|                                  | <hr/>   | \$771 80 |

## RECORD ROOM MAINTENANCE.

|                                         |         |          |
|-----------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Repairing and cleaning oil burner ..... | \$21 40 |          |
| Repairing office equipment .....        | 45 00   |          |
| S. Gentilotti, light fixtures .....     | 88 78   |          |
| Office supplies .....                   | 17 76   |          |
| Carrie Marlow, janitor .....            | 50 00   |          |
| H. & C. Cabinet Co., labor .....        | 8 00    |          |
| Fairbanks & Bartlett, fuel .....        | 94 98   |          |
| Telephone .....                         | 34 20   |          |
| Lights .....                            | 14 68   |          |
|                                         | <hr/>   | \$374 80 |

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

|                                       |         |         |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Kenneth Taylor, salary and use of car | \$45 00 |         |
| W. & L. E. Gurley, seals .....        | 2 10    |         |
|                                       | <hr/>   | \$47 10 |

## INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS.

|                                        |          |          |
|----------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Moses U. Gaskill, salary .....         | \$150 00 |          |
| Erle W. Gaskill, salary 2 months ..... | 25 00    |          |
|                                        | <hr/>    | \$175 00 |

## INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING.

|                                 |         |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Frank R. Phillips, salary ..... | \$25 00 |         |
|                                 | <hr/>   | \$25 00 |

## PUBLIC WEIGHER.

|                     |         |         |
|---------------------|---------|---------|
| Martha Dudley ..... | \$18 80 |         |
|                     | <hr/>   | \$18 80 |

## DOG OFFICER.

|                                         |        |         |
|-----------------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Harold C. Barrows, salary .....         | \$4 17 |         |
| Thomas Stevens, salary .....            | 5 83   |         |
| Thomas Stevens, killings and care ..... | 8 00   |         |
|                                         | <hr/>  | \$18 00 |

## WATER DEPARTMENT.

|                            |        |         |
|----------------------------|--------|---------|
| Postage and printing ..... | \$8 56 |         |
| Toll calls .....           | 22 60  |         |
| Miscellaneous .....        | 1 24   |         |
|                            | <hr/>  | \$32 40 |

## TOWN PUMP.

|                              |        |        |
|------------------------------|--------|--------|
| M. M. Goodnow, repairs ..... | \$7 00 |        |
|                              | <hr/>  | \$7 00 |

## TOWN REPORTS.

|                          |          |                  |
|--------------------------|----------|------------------|
| Charlescraft Press ..... | \$306 00 |                  |
|                          |          | <hr/> \$306 00   |
| Total expended .....     |          | \$3,199 49       |
| Overdrawn .....          |          | 14 15            |
|                          |          | <hr/> \$3,185 34 |

## SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Appropriation .....                 | \$2,100 00 |
| Transferred from Reserve Fund ..... | 80         |
|                                     | <hr/>      |
| Total .....                         | \$2,100 80 |

## Expended:

Moderator, Roy A. Barrows ..... \$10 00

## Selectmen and Welfare:

Silas H. Dudley ..... 26 00  
 Roy A. Barrows ..... 28 34  
 Harold Metcalf ..... 143 50  
 D. Victor Smith ..... 67 50  
 Lee P. McFarland ..... 141 70  
 Auditor, William A. Barry ..... 25 00

## Treasurers:

Moses U. Gaskill ..... 65 64  
 Silas H. Dudley ..... 284 36  
 Tax Collector, Arthur P. Dalton ..... 694 18

## Assessors:

Charles F. Leonard, Clerk ..... 250 00  
 Carl M. Taft ..... 100 00  
 D. Kinsley Barnes ..... 100 00  
 Town Clerk, Albert S. Coleman ..... 125 00

Constables:

|                          |       |            |
|--------------------------|-------|------------|
| Harold C. Barrows .....  | 25 00 |            |
| Mathew M. Mantonni ..... | 14 58 |            |
| Total .....              |       | \$2,100 80 |

TAX TITLES.

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Appropriation ..... | \$200 00 |
| Unexpended .....    | 200 00   |

TOWN ACCOUNTANT.

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Appropriation .....          | \$300 00 |
| Helen F. Irons, salary ..... | 300 00   |

CLERICAL HIRE FOR TOWN OFFICERS.

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Appropriation ..... | \$200 00 |
|---------------------|----------|

Expended:

|                      |          |          |
|----------------------|----------|----------|
| Helen F. Irons ..... | \$195 65 |          |
| Unexpended .....     | 4 35     |          |
|                      |          | \$200 00 |

BONDS OF TOWN OFFICERS.

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Appropriation ..... | \$125 00 |
|---------------------|----------|

|                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| Expended .....   | \$106 00 |
| Unexpended ..... | 19 00    |
|                  | \$125 00 |

TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENTS.

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Appropriation ..... | \$3,000 00 |
|---------------------|------------|

Expended:

|                                                         |          |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Emergency lights .....                                  | \$240 00 |
| H. & C. Cabinet Co., new repairs<br>and materials ..... | 86 51    |

|                                                   |          |            |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| S. Gentilotti, electrical repairs .....           | 345 00   |            |
| Farrar Co., supplies for fire extinguishers ..... | 16 00    |            |
| Transferred to Snow Removal Acct.                 | 1,071 26 |            |
| Transferred to Old Age Assistance                 | 696 81   |            |
| Transferred to Police Department ....             | 159 22   |            |
| Total expended .....                              |          | \$2,614 80 |
| Unexpended .....                                  |          | 385 20     |
|                                                   |          | <hr/>      |
|                                                   |          | \$3,000 00 |

## ERECTION OF FIRE STATION.

|                                                  |          |             |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Appropriation .....                              |          | \$24,000 00 |
| Expended:                                        |          |             |
| Wendell Phillips, Plans and Specifications ..... | \$860 00 |             |
| Advertising for bids .....                       | 13 25    |             |
| Total expended .....                             |          | \$873 25    |
| Unexpended .....                                 |          | 23,126 75   |
|                                                  |          | <hr/>       |
|                                                  |          | \$24,000 00 |

## WORCESTER COUNTY HOSPITAL.

|                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Appropriation .....        | \$2,471 77 |
| Paid County Hospital ..... | 2,471 77   |

## STREET LIGHTS.

|                                      |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Appropriation .....                  | \$627 00 |
| Paid Worcester Suburban Electric Co. | 627 00   |

## LAND FOR HIGHWAY BARN.

|                                    |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Appropriation from Available Funds | \$350 00 |
| Paid William Hensel .....          | 350 00   |

## HIGHWAY BARN CONSTRUCTION.

|                                    |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Appropriation from Available Funds | \$10,000 00 |
|------------------------------------|-------------|

## Expended:

|                                |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Carlton Goss, Contractor ..... | 3,000 00 |
|--------------------------------|----------|

|                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| Unexpended ..... | 7,000 00 |
|------------------|----------|

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|  |             |
|--|-------------|
|  | \$10,000 00 |
|--|-------------|

## SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Appropriation ..... | \$500 00 |
|---------------------|----------|

|                                   |        |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Transferred to Snow Removal ..... | 500 00 |
|-----------------------------------|--------|

## SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' GRAVES.

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Appropriation ..... | \$30 00 |
|---------------------|---------|

|                                         |       |
|-----------------------------------------|-------|
| Paid Swandale Cemetery Association .... | 30 00 |
|-----------------------------------------|-------|

## MEMORIAL DAY.

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Appropriation ..... | \$125 00 |
|---------------------|----------|

## Expended:

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| Milford Victory Band ..... | \$75 00 |
|----------------------------|---------|

|                                  |      |
|----------------------------------|------|
| Charles F. Leonard, wreath ..... | 5 00 |
|----------------------------------|------|

|                                |       |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| C. C. Shattuck, supplies ..... | 24 60 |
|--------------------------------|-------|

|                                 |      |
|---------------------------------|------|
| Wm. F. Draper Camp, flags ..... | 9 60 |
|---------------------------------|------|

|                                 |      |
|---------------------------------|------|
| Clayton Parkinson, wreath ..... | 5 00 |
|---------------------------------|------|

|                                            |      |
|--------------------------------------------|------|
| Roger L. Wood A. L. Post, ammunition ..... | 5 00 |
|--------------------------------------------|------|

|                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Total expended ..... | <hr/> \$124 20 |
|----------------------|----------------|

|                  |    |
|------------------|----|
| Unexpended ..... | 80 |
|------------------|----|

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|  |          |
|--|----------|
|  | \$125 00 |
|--|----------|

## INSURANCE ON TOWN BUILDINGS.

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Appropriation ..... | \$723 60 |
|---------------------|----------|

|                             |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| Paid Donald B. Lowell ..... | 723 60 |
|-----------------------------|--------|

## INTEREST ON TEMPORARY LOANS.

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Appropriation ..... | \$50 00 |
| Unexpended .....    | 50 00   |

## 1947 TAX REFUNDS.

## Expended:

|                             |       |         |
|-----------------------------|-------|---------|
| Excise Tax, 1947 .....      | 5 43  |         |
| Poll Tax, 1947 .....        | 12 00 |         |
| Real Estate Tax, 1947 ..... | 80 50 |         |
| Total expended .....        |       | \$97 93 |

## RESERVE FUND.

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Appropriation ..... | \$1,000 00 |
|---------------------|------------|

## Transferred:

|                                  |          |            |
|----------------------------------|----------|------------|
| To School Department .....       | \$500 00 |            |
| To Forest Fire Department .....  | 50 00    |            |
| To Incidental Account .....      | 385 34   |            |
| To Town Officers' Salaries ..... | 80       |            |
| To Fire Department .....         | 63 86    |            |
| Total .....                      |          | \$1,000 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD METCALF,  
D. VICTOR SMITH,  
LEE P. McFARLAND,

Board of Selectmen.



## LIST OF JURORS.

|                     |               |                   |
|---------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Douglas Taylor      | Carpenter     | Hastings Street   |
| Donald B. Lowell    | Dairyman      | North Avenue      |
| Harry L. Wilbur     | Machinist     | Hastings Street   |
| William R. Bowen    | Poultryman    | Bates Street      |
| Gordon R. Good      | Machinist     | North Avenue      |
| Ernest E. Souls     | Pattern Maker | Bates Street      |
| Henry Twitchell     | Machinist     | Maple Street      |
| Roy A. Barrows      | Retired       | Blackstone Street |
| William F. Irons    | Musician      | Main Street       |
| Lester P. Mann, Sr. | Pattern Maker | Washington St.    |
| Richard F. Harding  | Foreman       | George St.        |
| Ernest Beaucage     | Spinner       | Milford Street    |

## ASSETS.

## Uncollected Taxes:

|                                  |           |                   |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Excise Tax .....                 | \$329 13  |                   |
| Property Tax .....               | 5,699 05  |                   |
| Cash in hands of Treasurer ..... | 35,200 40 |                   |
| U. S. Bonds .....                | 1,000 00  |                   |
| 12 Tax Titles .....              | 1,297 18  |                   |
|                                  |           | <hr/> \$43,525 76 |

## Public Welfare:

|                                  |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Due from State of Massachusetts, |          |
| Temporary Aid .....              | \$393 51 |

## Board of Health:

|                                      |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Due from State of Massachusetts .... | \$335 00 |
|--------------------------------------|----------|

## Old Age Assistance:

|                              |            |
|------------------------------|------------|
| Federal Government .....     | \$1,967 70 |
| State of Massachusetts ..... | 1,664 57   |
| Town of Milford .....        | 122 59     |
| Town of Northbridge .....    | 30 92      |

|                           |        |            |
|---------------------------|--------|------------|
| Town of Westborough ..... | 9 86   |            |
| Town of Upton .....       | 102 27 |            |
|                           | <hr/>  | \$3,867 91 |

## Aid to Dependent Children:

|                              |          |          |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|
| State of Massachusetts ..... | \$198 16 |          |
| Federal Government .....     | 144 00   |          |
|                              | <hr/>    | \$342 16 |

## Due from State of Massachusetts on Highways:

|                               |            |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Chapter 81 .....              | \$4,408 71 |            |
| Chapter 90 Construction ..... | 4,000 00   |            |
|                               | <hr/>      | \$8,408 71 |

## Due from County of Worcester on Highways:

|                                          |            |             |
|------------------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Chapter 90 Construction .....            | \$2,000 00 |             |
| Due for Sale of Water .....              | 341 00     |             |
| Due for Town Hall Rentals .....          | 88 50      |             |
| Due for Meat Inspections .....           | 67 50      |             |
| Due for School Tuition, one student .... | 9 30       |             |
| Due for Fire Insurance .....             | 30 98      |             |
|                                          | <hr/>      |             |
| Total Assets .....                       |            | \$59,410 33 |

## LIABILITIES.

|                                                   |           |             |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Overdraft of Incidental Account .....             | \$14 15   |             |
| Overdraft of Interest Debt .....                  | 172 00    |             |
| Worcester County Hospital for Construction .....  | 1,100 00  |             |
| Bonds, School House Addition .....                | 12,000 00 |             |
| Federal Government, Advance for Water Plans ..... | 1,500 00  |             |
| Notes on Town Truck .....                         | 1,800 00  |             |
| Bonds for Water Construction .....                | 20,000 00 |             |
| State Penalty .....                               | 8 00      |             |
| Total Liabilities .....                           | <hr/>     | \$36,594 15 |

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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### CASH RECEIPTS.

January 1, 1947—December 31, 1947.

|                                                             |              |              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Cash on hand January 1, 1947 .....                          | \$29,853 05  |              |
| Receipts for year 1947 .....                                | 144,833 75   |              |
|                                                             | <hr/>        | \$174,686 80 |
| Paid per Selectmen's Warrants,<br>year 1947 .....           | \$139,486 40 |              |
| Cash balance December 31, 1947 ....                         | 35,200 40    |              |
|                                                             | <hr/>        | \$174,686 80 |
| Cash balance December 31, 1947 ....                         |              | \$35,200 40  |
| Balance in Milford Savings Bank<br>December 31, 1947 .....  | \$27 29      |              |
| Balance in Milford Home National<br>Bank, December 31, 1947 | 40,172 84    |              |
| Cash in hands of Treasurer<br>December 31, 1947 .....       | 2,759 17     |              |
|                                                             | <hr/>        | \$42,959 30  |
| Outstanding checks December 31,<br>1947 .....               | 7,758 90     |              |
|                                                             | <hr/>        | \$35,200 40  |

See Town Accountant's Report for detail of receipts and expenditures.

### ANNA ELLIS LIBRARY FUND.

DR.

|                               |          |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|
| To Cash in Savings Bank ..... | \$538 71 |          |
| To Interest Received .....    | 10 82    |          |
|                               | <hr/>    | \$549 53 |

## CR.

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| By Cash in Savings Bank ..... | \$549 53 |
|-------------------------------|----------|

## U. S. DEFENSE BOND.

## DR.

|                               |            |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|
| To 1 U. S. Defense Bond ..... | \$1,000 00 |            |
| To Interest Received .....    | 102 26     |            |
|                               | <hr/>      | \$1,102 26 |

## CR.

|                               |            |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|
| By 1 U. S. Defense Bond ..... | \$1,000 00 |            |
| By Cash in Savings Bank ..... | 102 26     |            |
|                               | <hr/>      | \$1,102 26 |

## HONOR ROLL FUND.

## DR.

|                               |          |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|
| To Cash in Savings Bank ..... | \$351 12 |          |
| To Interest Received .....    | 5 07     |          |
|                               | <hr/>    | \$356 19 |

## CR.

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| By Cash in Savings Bank ..... | \$356 19 |
|-------------------------------|----------|

## AUSTIN WOOD RELIEF FUND.

## DR.

|                                       |          |            |
|---------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| To Cash in Milford Savings Bank ..... | \$691 32 |            |
| To Interest Received .....            | 13 89    |            |
| To Cash in Worcester Bank .....       | 789 67   |            |
| To Interest Received .....            | 13 85    |            |
|                                       | <hr/>    | \$1,508 73 |

## CR.

|                                 |          |            |
|---------------------------------|----------|------------|
| By Cash in Milford Bank .....   | \$674 93 |            |
| By Cash in Worcester Bank ..... | 703 52   |            |
| By One Selectmen's Order .....  | 30 28    |            |
| By One Selectmen's Order .....  | 100 00   |            |
|                                 | <hr/>    | \$1,508 73 |

## NATHAN R. GEORGE TRUST FUND.

## DR.

|                               |            |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|
| To Cash in Savings Bank ..... | \$1,090 03 |            |
| To Interest Received .....    | 21 90      |            |
|                               | <hr/>      | \$1,111 93 |

## CR.

|                               |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| By Cash in Savings Bank ..... | \$1,111 93 |
|-------------------------------|------------|

## FLETCHER LIBRARY FUND.

## DR.

|                               |            |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|
| To Cash in Savings Bank ..... | \$5,081 75 |            |
| To Interest Received .....    | 101 47     |            |
|                               | <hr/>      | \$5,183 22 |

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|                               |            |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|
| By Cash in Savings Bank ..... | \$5,116 81 |            |
| By One Library Order .....    | 66 41      |            |
|                               | <hr/>      | \$5,183 22 |

## TAX TITLES.

|          |            |
|----------|------------|
| 12 ..... | \$1,297 18 |
|----------|------------|

Respectfully submitted,

SILAS H. DUDLEY,

Town Treasurer.

## DETAIL OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

## FOR 1947.

|                                    |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Cash on hand January 1, 1947 ..... | \$29,853 05 |
|------------------------------------|-------------|

## Receipts:

## 1947 Taxes:

|                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| Poll Taxes ..... | \$770 00 |
|------------------|----------|

|                         |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Personal taxes .....    | 4,518 50  |
| Real Estate taxes ..... | 40,658 45 |
| Excise taxes .....      | 3,227 67  |

## Previous Year's Taxes:

|                                                     |           |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Personal .....                                      | \$608 65  |
| Real Estate .....                                   | 5,258 49  |
| Excise .....                                        | 267 15    |
| State Corporation tax .....                         | 4,413 69  |
| State Income tax .....                              | 4,411 28  |
| State tax .....                                     | 1,071 54  |
| Licenses and permits .....                          | 2,835 00  |
| Federal Grant Old Age Assistance                    | 11,714 04 |
| Federal Grant Aid to Dependent<br>Children .....    | 927 88    |
| State School Fund .....                             | 5,163 60  |
| State, Meal Tax .....                               | 694 91    |
| State, Inspector of Animals .....                   | 75 00     |
| State, Highways, Chapter 81 .....                   | 3,691 29  |
| State, Tuition and Transportation                   | 3,895 24  |
| State, Superintendent of Schools                    | 771 41    |
| County Treasurer, Dog License<br>Refund .....       | 407 36    |
| Town Hall Rentals .....                             | 567 50    |
| Meat Inspection fees .....                          | 123 50    |
| State, Highways, Chapter 90<br>Maintenance .....    | 999 84    |
| County, Highways, Chapter 90<br>Maintenance .....   | 999 84    |
| Road Machinery Fund .....                           | 2,392 45  |
| State, Highways, Chapter 90 Con-<br>struction ..... | 4,649 88  |
| County, Highways, Chapter 90<br>Construction .....  | 2,649 91  |
| State, Old Age Assistance .....                     | 8,609 24  |
| State, Aid to Dependent Children                    | 1,013 66  |
| Town of Northbridge, Old Age<br>Assistance .....    | 35 06     |

|                                                    |        |    |              |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------|----|--------------|
| Town of Milford, O. A. A. ....                     | 76     | 75 |              |
| Town of Uxbridge, Temporary Aid                    | 43     | 50 |              |
| State Gas Tax .....                                | 2,734  | 76 |              |
| State, Department of Public Health                 | 259    | 28 |              |
| State, Tuition State Wards .....                   | 73     | 34 |              |
| Use of telephone .....                             |        | 46 |              |
| School Tuition, one pupil .....                    | 11     | 32 |              |
| Sealer of Weights and Measures ....                | 5      | 10 |              |
| Library fines .....                                | 22     | 34 |              |
| State, Vocational Education .....                  | 369    | 11 |              |
| State, Department of Forestry .....                | 50     | 00 |              |
| Water Department Revenue .....                     | 77     | 50 |              |
| Public Weighing fees .....                         | 40     | 20 |              |
| Interest on deferred taxes .....                   | 227    | 41 |              |
| Transfers from Trust Funds .....                   | 196    | 69 |              |
| Interest and Income, Thayer<br>Cemetery Fund ..... | 3      | 98 |              |
| Bonds for Water Construction .....                 | 20,000 | 00 |              |
| Premium on Bonds for Water Con-<br>struction ..... | 70     | 00 |              |
| Interest on money from Bonds .....                 | 25     | 00 |              |
| Town Clerk, Dog License fees .....                 | 511    | 20 |              |
| Refund on Collector's Bond .....                   | 15     | 75 |              |
| Withholding taxes .....                            | 2,282  | 47 |              |
| Contributory Retirement deduc-<br>tions .....      | 291    | 31 |              |
| Miscellaneous refunds .....                        | 24     | 25 |              |
| Total receipts for 1947 .....                      |        |    | \$144,833 75 |
|                                                    |        |    | <hr/>        |
|                                                    |        |    | \$174,686 80 |

## Expenditures:

|                                      |         |    |
|--------------------------------------|---------|----|
| Incidentals .....                    | \$3,199 | 49 |
| Town Officers' Salaries .....        | 2,100   | 80 |
| Town Officers' Bonds .....           | 106     | 00 |
| Town Accountant Salary .....         | 300     | 00 |
| Clerical Hire for Town Officers .... | 195     | 65 |



|                                                 |           |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Town Hall Improvements .....                    | 687 51    |
| Police Department .....                         | 1,159 22  |
| Fire Department .....                           | 863 86    |
| Forest Fire Department .....                    | 550 00    |
| Erection of Fire Station .....                  | 873 25    |
| Board of Health .....                           | 1,448 40  |
| Worcester County Hospital .....                 | 2,471 77  |
| Highways, General Repairs .....                 | 1,494 90  |
| Snow Removal .....                              | 4,268 58  |
| Chapter 81 .....                                | 11,699 64 |
| Chapter 90 Maintenance .....                    | 1,949 84  |
| Chapter 90 Construction .....                   | 4,366 58  |
| Highway Machinery .....                         | 1,950 66  |
| Street Lighting .....                           | 627 00    |
| Land for Highway Barn .....                     | 350 00    |
| Highway Barn Construction .....                 | 3,000 00  |
| Public Welfare, Temporary Aid ....              | 2,269 06  |
| Aid to Dependent Children .....                 | 3,055 07  |
| Old Age Assistance .....                        | 25,467 33 |
| Schools .....                                   | 34,149 55 |
| Tuition for Vocational Schools .....            | 650 56    |
| Taft Public Library .....                       | 622 60    |
| Austin Fletcher Library Fund .....              | 66 41     |
| Tree Warden .....                               | 190 20    |
| Elm Beetle Suppression .....                    | 500 00    |
| Parks .....                                     | 111 13    |
| Memorial Day .....                              | 124 20    |
| Insurance on Town Buildings .....               | 723 60    |
| Federal Withholding Taxes .....                 | 2,282 47  |
| Worcester County Retirement<br>System .....     | 291 31    |
| Water Construction .....                        | 17,383 08 |
| Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves .....             | 30 00     |
| Note and Interest on School House<br>Loan ..... | 2,315 00  |

|                                   |          |              |
|-----------------------------------|----------|--------------|
| Interest on Water Construction    |          |              |
| Loan .....                        | 225 00   |              |
| State Parks Assessment .....      | 66 18    |              |
| State Auditing of Accounts .....  | 361 46   |              |
| Austin Wood Relief Fund .....     | 130 28   |              |
| County Treasurer, Dog License     |          |              |
| Fees .....                        | 513 00   |              |
| County Tax .....                  | 2,987 83 |              |
| State Tax .....                   | 1,200 00 |              |
| State Department of Public Health | 10 00    |              |
| Tax Refunds .....                 | 97 93    |              |
| Total expenditures for 1947 ..... |          | \$139,486 40 |
| <hr/>                             |          |              |
| Balance on hand December 31,      |          |              |
| 1947 .....                        |          | \$35,200 40  |

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN F. IRONS,

Town Accountant.

## COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

1947.

## 1945 PROPERTY TAXES.

DR.

|                                      |        |        |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Taxes Outstanding Jan. 1, 1947 ..... | \$6 96 |        |
| Interest .....                       | 23     |        |
|                                      | <hr/>  | \$7 19 |

CR.

|                      |        |        |
|----------------------|--------|--------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$4 58 |        |
| Abated .....         | 2 61   |        |
| Uncollected .....    | 00     |        |
|                      | <hr/>  | \$7 19 |

## 1946 EXCISE TAXES.

DR.

|                                      |          |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Taxes Outstanding Jan. 1, 1947 ..... | \$167 07 |          |
| Interest .....                       | 1 02     |          |
|                                      | <hr/>    | \$168 09 |

CR.

|                      |          |          |
|----------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$149 09 |          |
| Abated .....         | 19 00    |          |
| Uncollected .....    | 00       |          |
|                      | <hr/>    | \$168 09 |

DR.

|                                         |          |          |
|-----------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| 1946 Taxes Committed Jan. 21, 1947 .... | \$140 32 |          |
| Interest .....                          | 28       |          |
|                                         | <hr/>    | \$140 60 |

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|                      |          |          |
|----------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$119 36 |          |
| Abated .....         | 21 24    |          |
| Uncollected .....    | 00       |          |
|                      | <hr/>    | \$140 60 |

## 1946 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES.

## DR.

|                                |          |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Outstanding Jan. 1, 1947 ..... | \$631 05 |          |
| Interest .....                 | 25 64    |          |
|                                | <hr/>    | \$656 69 |

## CR.

|                      |          |          |
|----------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$634 29 |          |
| Abated .....         | 22 40    |          |
| Uncollected .....    | 00       |          |
|                      | <hr/>    | \$656 69 |

## 1946 REAL ESTATE TAXES.

## DR.

|                                |            |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Outstanding Jan. 1, 1947 ..... | \$5,315 04 |            |
| Interest .....                 | 165 45     |            |
|                                | <hr/>      | \$5,480 49 |

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|                      |            |            |
|----------------------|------------|------------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$5,419 59 |            |
| Abated .....         | 1 40       |            |
| Uncollected .....    | 59 50      |            |
|                      | <hr/>      | \$5,480 49 |

## 1947 POLL TAXES.

## DR.

|                                                                           |          |          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Taxes Committed, Including Omit-<br>ted Assessment of June 16, 1947 ..... | \$942 00 |          |
| Interest .....                                                            | 1 07     |          |
| Demands .....                                                             | 14 35    |          |
|                                                                           | <hr/>    | \$957 42 |

## CR.

|                      |          |          |
|----------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$785 42 |          |
| Abated .....         | 172 00   |          |
| Uncollected .....    | 00       |          |
|                      | <hr/>    | \$957 42 |

## 1947 EXCISE TAXES.

## DR.

|                                       |          |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| First Commitment March 17, 1947 ..... | \$662 78 |          |
| Interest .....                        | 34       |          |
|                                       | <hr/>    | \$663 12 |

## CR.

|                      |          |          |
|----------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$630 51 |          |
| Abated .....         | 32 61    |          |
| Uncollected .....    | 00       |          |
|                      | <hr/>    | \$663 12 |

## DR.

|                                        |          |          |
|----------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Second Commitment April 30, 1947 ..... | \$260 85 |          |
| Interest .....                         | 3 08     |          |
|                                        | <hr/>    | \$263 93 |

## CR.

|                      |          |          |
|----------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$260 31 |          |
| Uncollected .....    | 3 62     |          |
|                      | <hr/>    | \$263 93 |

## DR.

|                                      |            |            |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Third Commitment July 22, 1947 ..... | \$1,255 83 |            |
| Interest .....                       | 1 13       |            |
|                                      | <hr/>      | \$1,256 96 |

## CR.

|                      |            |            |
|----------------------|------------|------------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$1,199 71 |            |
| Abated .....         | 43 40      |            |
| Uncollected .....    | 13 85      |            |
|                      | <hr/>      | \$1,256 96 |

## DR.

|                                       |          |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Fourth Commitment August 5, 1947 .... | \$638 46 |          |
| Interest .....                        | 09       |          |
|                                       | <hr/>    | \$638 55 |

## CR.

|                      |          |          |
|----------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$585 43 |          |
| Abated .....         | 35 00    |          |
| Uncollected .....    | 18 12    |          |
|                      | <hr/>    | \$638 55 |

## DR.

|                                       |         |         |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Fifth Commitment October 3, 1947 .... | \$99 04 |         |
| Interest .....                        | 01      |         |
|                                       | <hr/>   | \$99 05 |

## CR.

|                      |         |         |
|----------------------|---------|---------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$75 95 |         |
| Uncollected .....    | 23 10   |         |
|                      | <hr/>   | \$99 05 |

## DR.

|                                   |          |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Sixth Commitment November 3, 1947 | \$424 04 |          |
|                                   | <hr/>    | \$424 04 |

## CR.

|                      |          |          |
|----------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$394 48 |          |
| Abated .....         | 2 23     |          |
| Uncollected .....    | 27 33    |          |
|                      | <hr/>    | \$424 04 |

## DR.

|                                     |          |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Seventh Commitment December 6, 1947 | \$329 04 |          |
|                                     | <hr/>    | \$329 04 |

## CR.

|                      |         |          |
|----------------------|---------|----------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$85 93 |          |
| Uncollected .....    | 243 11  |          |
|                      | <hr/>   | \$329 04 |

## 1947 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES.

## DR.

|                       |            |            |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|
| Taxes Committed ..... | \$5,200 65 |            |
| Interest .....        | 48         |            |
|                       | <hr/>      | \$5,201 13 |

## CR.

|                      |            |            |
|----------------------|------------|------------|
| Paid Treasurer ..... | \$4,518 98 |            |
| Uncollected .....    | 682 15     |            |
|                      | <hr/>      | \$5,201 13 |

## 1947 REAL ESTATE TAXES.

## DR.

|                       |             |             |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Taxes Committed ..... | \$46,817 40 |             |
| Interest .....        | 14 24       |             |
|                       | <hr/>       | \$46,831 64 |

## CR.

|                                   |             |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Paid Treasurer .....              | \$40,672 69 |             |
| Abated .....                      | 1,087 80    |             |
| Subsequent Tax Title Credit ..... | 113 75      |             |
| Uncollected .....                 | 4,957 40    |             |
|                                   | <hr/>       | \$46,831 64 |

## TAX REFUNDS FOR 1947.

|                         |         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|
| Poll Taxes .....        | \$12 00 |         |
| Excise Taxes .....      | 5 43    |         |
| Real Estate Taxes ..... | 80 50   |         |
|                         | <hr/>   | \$97 93 |

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR P. DALTON,

Collector of Taxes.

January 1, 1948.



## ASSESSORS' REPORT.

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The Assessors' Recapitulation Sheet of Aggregates is given below:

### RECAPITULATION SHEET.

#### Town Appropriations:

|                             |             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Annual Town Meeting, March, |             |             |
| 1947 .....                  | \$83,073 66 |             |
| Debt and Interest .....     | 3,193 00    |             |
| State Taxes, 1947 .....     | 1,686 08    |             |
| County Taxes .....          | 6,434 18    |             |
| Overlay for 1947 .....      | 1,329 70    |             |
|                             | <hr/>       | \$95,716 62 |
| Estimated Receipts .....    | \$33,526 52 |             |
| Available Funds .....       | 9,454 55    |             |
|                             | <hr/>       | \$42,981 07 |

|                                  |              |  |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--|
| Net amount raised on Polls and   |              |  |
| Property .....                   | \$52,735 55  |  |
| 469 Poll Taxes at \$2.00 .....   | 938 00       |  |
| Total Valuation .....            | 1,479,930 00 |  |
| Tax Rate .....                   | \$35 00      |  |
| Personal Property .....          | 148,590 00   |  |
| Real Estate .....                | 1,331,340 00 |  |
| Number of Assessments on Real    |              |  |
| Estate .....                     | 541          |  |
| Number of Assessments on Per-    |              |  |
| sonal Estate .....               | 81           |  |
| Value of Assessed Stock-in-trade | 7,365 00     |  |

|                                                   |           |              |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Value of Assessed Live Stock .....                | 70,750 00 |              |
| Value of Assessed Machinery .....                 | 69,675 00 |              |
| Value of all other Assessed Personal Estate ..... | 800 00    |              |
| Total Value of Assessed Personal Property .....   |           | \$148,590 00 |

|                                                   |              |                |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Value of Assessed Buildings, excluding land ..... | \$945,190 00 |                |
| Value of Assessed Land, excluding buildings ..... | 386,150 00   |                |
| Total Value of Real Estate .....                  |              | \$1,331,340 00 |

Total Value of Assessed Property \$1,479,930 00

|                              |            |             |
|------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Tax on Personal Estate ..... | \$5,200 65 |             |
| Tax on Real Estate .....     | 46,596 90  |             |
| Tax on Polls .....           | 938 00     |             |
|                              |            | \$52,735 55 |

|                                                      |         |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Rate of Tax per \$1,000 .....                        | \$35 00 |
| Number of Horses assessed .....                      | 38      |
| Number of cows assessed .....                        | 674     |
| Number of neat cattle other than cows assessed ..... | 69      |
| Number of swine assessed .....                       | 12      |
| Number of fowl assessed .....                        | 3,660   |
| Number of dwelling houses assessed .....             | 445     |
| Number of acres of land assessed .....               | 10,762  |

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES COMMITTED TO  
COLLECTOR IN 1947.

Vehicles registered in 1947 ..... \$3,670 04

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES ABATED

|                          |         |          |
|--------------------------|---------|----------|
| 1946 Taxes in 1947 ..... | \$40 24 |          |
| 1947 Taxes .....         | 118 67  |          |
|                          | <hr/>   | \$158 91 |

## OVERLAY ACCOUNT, 1946.

|                          |         |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Abatements in 1947 ..... | \$23 80 |
|--------------------------|---------|

## OVERLAY ACCOUNT 1947.

|                       |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| 1947 Overlay .....    | \$1,329 70 |
| 1947 Abatements ..... | 1,352 30   |

Respectfully submitted,

CARL M. TAFT,  
D. KINSLEY BARNES,  
CHARLES F. LEONARD,

Mendon Board of Assessors.

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

1947.

## DOGS LICENSED IN 1947.

|                                                             |          |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| 114 Males at \$2.00 each .....                              | \$228 00 |          |
| 25 Females at \$5.00 each .....                             | 125 00   |          |
| 54 Spayed Females at \$2.00 each .....                      | 108 00   |          |
| 4 Kennel Licenses at \$10.00 each .....                     | 40 00    |          |
| 2 Kennel Licenses at \$25.00 each .....                     | 50 00    |          |
|                                                             |          | <hr/>    |
|                                                             |          | \$551 00 |
| Less Clerk's fees: 199 Licenses at 20c                      |          | 39 80    |
|                                                             |          | <hr/>    |
| Cash paid Town Treasurer as per<br>monthly statements ..... |          | \$511 20 |

Attention is called to the fact that all dogs three months old or more must be licensed at the Town Clerk's office on or before April 1, 1948. No bills are sent for this tax, so please assist the Town Clerk by paying your Dog License promptly. No spayed female license will be issued unless the spayed certificate is presented.

SPORTING LICENSES ISSUED FROM  
JANUARY 1, 1947 TO DECEMBER 31, 1947.

|                                                                        |                                           |      |        |          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------|--------|----------|
| Series 1                                                               | Resident Citizen Fishing .....            | 117  | \$2.00 | \$234.00 |
| 2                                                                      | Resident Citizen Hunting ....             | 73   | 2.00   | 146.00   |
| 3                                                                      | Resident Citizen Sporting ....            | 93   | 3.25   | 302.25   |
| 4                                                                      | Minor and Female Fishing ....             | 61   | 1.25   | 76.25    |
| 5                                                                      | Minor Trapping .....                      | 1    | 2.25   | 2.25     |
| 6                                                                      | Resident Trapping .....                   | 4    | 5.25   | 21.00    |
| 7                                                                      | Non-resident Fishing .....                | 2    | 1.50   | 3.00     |
| 9                                                                      | Non-resident Fishing .....                | 3    | 5.25   | 15.75    |
| 10                                                                     | Non-resident Hunting .....                | 1    | 10.25  | 10.25    |
| 12                                                                     | Duplicates .....                          | 8    | .50    | 4.00     |
| 14                                                                     | Non-Resident Military Sport-<br>ing ..... | 2    | 2.00   | 4.00     |
|                                                                        | Citizen Resident Sporting,<br>free .....  | .... | .....  | .....    |
|                                                                        |                                           |      |        | <hr/>    |
|                                                                        |                                           |      |        | \$818.75 |
|                                                                        | Less Fees Retained by Clerk               | 357  | .25    | 89.25    |
|                                                                        |                                           |      |        | <hr/>    |
| Amount paid Division of Fisheries<br>and Game as per monthly statement |                                           |      |        | \$729.50 |

## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1947.

| Date of Birth<br>1947 |    | Name of Child          | Name of Parents with Maiden Name of Mother |
|-----------------------|----|------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Jan.                  | 9  | Patricia Ann Noesky    | Peter and Carmella Brennan                 |
|                       | 12 | George Roger Lee       | George F. and Grace M. Ellison             |
|                       | 19 | Henry Thomas Wiersma   | George and Jennie Oosterman                |
|                       | 21 | James Ferrucci, Jr.    | James S. and Phyllis M. Matto              |
|                       | 23 | Kenneth Nelson Phipps  | Kenneth L. and Carol Hook                  |
| Feb.                  | 8  | Michael Tumolo         | Salvatore and Angelina Comastra            |
|                       | 13 | Lizabeth Anne Anesta   | John W. and Anna Svendsen                  |
|                       | 25 | Luby                   | Gerard F. and Virginia Markakis            |
| Mar.                  | 3  | Cornelius Wiersma, Jr. | Cornelius and Annie DeVries                |
| April                 | 12 | Ronald Eugene Lemire   | Eugene and Muriel Belisle                  |
|                       | 26 | Davenport              | George G. and Anne Corcoran                |
| May                   | 27 | Donna Marie Hackenson  | Wm. E. and Frances E. Cichanowicz          |
|                       | 11 | Aldore Francis Lamothe | Francis J. and Edwina Y. Tetreault         |
|                       | 29 | James Harry Grant, Jr. | James H. and Isabelle B. Lapper            |
| June                  | 15 | Charles Michael Barron | Alfred J. and Edna S. Laren                |
|                       | 20 | Patricia Ann Johnson   | George A. and Doris N. Goodwin             |
| Aug.                  | 5  | Richard Stanley Miller | Raymond A. and Viola B. Eisner             |
|                       | 5  | Roger Weston Phillips  | John P. and Stasia Adamski                 |
|                       | 5  | Daniel Whitney Cox     | Nathaniel B. and Doris M. Daniels          |
| Sept.                 | 25 | Stanley David Kraft    | Steven S. and Florence Noyes               |
|                       | 8  | Janet Marian Vear      | Asa B. and Marion McCabe                   |
|                       | 28 | Walter Edward Rondeau  | William D. and Ellen Simmons               |
| Oct.                  | 9  | Donald Robert Robinson | Laurence and Marjorie Kell                 |
|                       | 13 | Brothers               | Theodore A. and Yoland                     |
| Nov.                  | 10 | Janice Virginia Roy    | Arthur and Virginia Longton                |
|                       | 19 | William David Mason    | Norman S. and Clara Boover                 |
| Dec.                  | 15 | Patsy Jeanne Daley     | Marston E. and Eleanor M. Pearson          |
|                       | 17 | Sandra Ann Fino        | Francis J. and Thelma L. Randor            |

## MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1947.

| Date of Marriage 1947 |    | Place of Marriage   | Names                          | Residence           |
|-----------------------|----|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Jan.                  | 4  | Grafton, Mass.      | George Johnson                 | Milford, Mass.      |
| Feb.                  | 1  | Orleans, Mass.      | Fernie A. (Jurenthuff) Wheeler | Mendon              |
|                       | 14 | Upton, Mass.        | Marston E. Daley               | Mendon              |
|                       |    |                     | Eleanor M. Pearson             | Eastham, Mass.      |
|                       |    |                     | Sidney VanderSluis             | Mendon              |
| Mar.                  | 1  | Mendon              | Ruth E. Rogers                 | Upton, Mass.        |
|                       |    |                     | John J. Naughton               | Milford, Mass.      |
| April                 | 12 | Milford, Mass.      | Doris B. Thayer                | Mendon              |
|                       |    |                     | James A. Mathewson             | Mendon              |
| May                   | 3  | Mendon              | Marjorie A. (Bullard) Collins  | Mendon              |
|                       |    |                     | Kenneth R. Cram                | Mendon              |
| June                  | 14 | Mendon              | Celia Tellstone                | Blackstone, Mass.   |
|                       |    |                     | George P. Hutchinson           | Mendon              |
|                       |    |                     | Patricia Gaskell               | Mendon              |
|                       | 21 | Hopedale, Mass.     | Arthur Warren, 3rd.            | Franklin, Mass.     |
|                       |    |                     | Nancy Magliocca                | Mendon              |
|                       | 21 | Hopedale, Mass.     | John Milan                     | Milford, Mass.      |
|                       |    |                     | Esther Foley                   | Mendon              |
|                       | 28 | Hopedale, Mass.     | Lionel Robert Leclair          | Bellingham, Mass.   |
|                       |    |                     | Gertrude F. Tetreault          | Mendon              |
|                       | 28 | Hopedale, Mass.     | Albert J. Valeika              | Roslindale, Mass.   |
|                       |    |                     | Dorothy A. Anesta              | Mendon              |
|                       | 28 | Whitinsville, Mass. | Stanley E. Nuttall             | Mendon              |
|                       |    |                     | Jacqueline M. Dyer             | Whitinsville, Mass. |
|                       | 30 | Mendon              | Edward E. Luther               | Milford, Mass.      |
| July                  | 12 | Mendon              | Mary (Cote) Blanchard          | Mendon              |
|                       |    |                     | Aubrey M. Hensel               | Mendon              |
|                       |    |                     | Virginia F. Irons              | Mendon              |
|                       | 19 | Milford, Mass.      | Ernest F. Miller, Jr.          | Milford, Mass.      |
|                       |    |                     | Rena E. Closson                | Mendon              |
|                       | 20 | Mendon              | Leonard G. Leavis              | Woonsocket, R. I.   |
|                       |    |                     | Mildred Coviello               | Mendon              |
| Sept.                 | 10 | Milford, Mass.      | Edward T. Powers, Jr.          | Mendon              |
|                       |    |                     | Kathryn E. Casey               | Milford, Mass.      |
|                       | 27 | Hopedale, Mass.     | Thomas J. Malia                | Milford, Mass.      |
|                       |    |                     | Elaine M. Carmody              | Mendon              |
| Oct.                  | 4  | Hopedale, Mass.     | Hugh Craddock                  | Mendon              |
|                       |    |                     | Dorothy I. Chapin              | Mendon              |
|                       | 4  | Hopedale, Mass.     | Harvey I. Rondeau              | Mendon              |
|                       |    |                     | Gabrielle C. Cousineau         | Mendon              |
|                       | 14 | Mendon              | George Spillman                | Mendon              |
|                       |    |                     | Ruth McGaughey                 | Mendon              |
|                       | 11 | Brookline, Mass.    | Lester P. Mann, Jr.            | Mendon              |
|                       |    |                     | Dorothy M. Davis               | Boston, Mass.       |
| Nov.                  | 14 | Framingham, Mass.   | Stewart Russell Ellison        | Mendon              |
|                       |    |                     | Jean F. Jodoin                 | Saxonville, Mass.   |
|                       | 15 | Milford, Mass.      | Earl F. Kempton                | Mendon              |
|                       |    |                     | Victoria (Roberts) Racine      | West Medway, Mass.  |
| Dec.                  | 6  | Mendon              | Clayton H. Meader              | Mendon              |
|                       |    |                     | Edith M. Hammond               | Mendon              |



# DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1947.

| Date of<br>Death<br>1947 | Name                          | Age |    |    | Cause of Death      |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-----|----|----|---------------------|
|                          |                               | Y   | M  | D  |                     |
| Feb. 2                   | Clara A. (Melhinch) McGaughey | 86  | 11 | 19 | Carcinoma of Breast |
| 17                       | Susan M. (Wilson) Taft        | 81  | 4  | 22 | Uraemia             |
| April 30                 | Timothy B. Curley             | 85  | .. | .. | Cardiac fibrosis    |
| May 17                   | Mary J. (Melvin) Dalrymple    | 87  | 9  | 25 | Broncho pneumonia   |
| 21                       | Harry Thorpe Merrick          | 57  | 7  | 29 | Pneumonia           |
| 31                       | Walter Taylor                 | 64  | 1  | 8  | Coronary sclerosis  |
| Aug. 3                   | John William Gray             | 82  | 6  | 27 | Cancer of colon     |
| 5                        | Maurice Sigfrid Carlson       | 50  | 1  | 22 | Lobar pneumonia     |
| 8                        | Richard Stanley Miller        | ..  | .. | 3  | Atelectasis         |
| 29                       | Herbert Elliott Whiting       | 72  | 6  | 12 | Cerebral hemorrhage |
| Oct. 8                   | Mary L. (Drayton) Brooks      | 83  | 4  | 9  | Myelitis            |
| 31                       | Frank Greenwood Hoyle         | 80  | .. | 5  | Traumatic shock     |
| Nov. 24                  | Harry J. Kushner              | 55  | .. | .. | Pulmonary edema     |
| Dec. 3                   | James Roy Dalrymple           | 52  | .. | 20 | Suicidal drowning   |

Parents and others are requested to carefully examine the above lists and if any errors or omissions are discovered report them at once to the town clerk, that the record may be corrected, as it is of importance that the records of Vital Statistics should be complete. Herewith are extracts from the General Laws, Chapter 46.

GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 46, SECTION 3.

(As Amended by Chapter 281, Section 1, Acts of 1925).

Every physician, or hospital medical officer registered under section nine of chapter one hundred and twelve, in this chapter called officer, shall keep a record of the birth of every child in cases of which he was in charge, showing date and place of birth, the name, if any, of the child, its sex and color, the name, age, birthplace, occupation and residence (including the street number, if any, and the ward number, if in a city) of each parent, the maiden name of the mother and the name of the physician or officer, if any, personally attending the birth. If the child is illegitimate, the name of, and other facts relating to the father shall not be set forth except upon written request of both the father and mother; provided, that if an illegitimate child shall have become legitimate by the intermarriage of his parents and the acknowledgment of his father, as provided in section seven of chapter one hundred and ninety, prior to the mailing or delivery of any report herein required, such report shall read, in all respects, as if such child had been born to such parents in lawful wedlock. Said physician or officer shall, within fifteen days after such birth, mail or deliver to the clerk or registrar of the town where such birth occurred, a report stating the facts hereinabove required to be shown on said record and also the said written request, if any; provided, that if said report is not so made within forty-eight hours after such birth, said physician or officer shall, within said forty-eight hours, mail or deliver to said clerk or registrar

a notice stating the date and place of the birth, the street number, if any, the ward number, if in a city, and the family name. Upon presentation to him of a certificate of the town clerk stating that any such birth has been duly reported, the town treasurer shall pay to such physician or officer a fee of twenty-five cents for each birth so reported. Any physician or any such officer violating any provision of this section shall forfeit not more than twenty-five dollars. The said town clerk or registrar shall file daily with the local board of health a list of all births reported to him, showing, as to each, the date of birth, sex, color, family name, residence, ward and physician or officer in charge.

#### GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 46, SECTION 6.

Parents, within forty days after the birth of a child, and every householder, within forty days after a birth in his house, shall cause notice thereof to be given to the clerk of the town where such child is born \* \* \*.

Blanks may be obtained upon application to the town clerk.

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### NOTICE

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#### SOME OF THE MANY

##### REASONS WHY BIRTHS SHOULD BE RECORDED.

To establish identity.

To prove nationality.

To prove legitimacy.

To show when the child has the right to enter school.

To show when the child has the right to seek employment under the child labor law.

To establish the right of inheritance to property.

To establish liability to military duty, as well as exemption therefrom.

To establish age and citizenship in order to vote.

To qualify to hold title to, and to buy or sell real estate.

To establish the right to hold public office.

To prove the age at which the marriage contract may be entered into.

To prove age to determine validity of a contract entered into by an alleged minor.

To prove age for Old Age Assistance.

To prove age so as to have the right to take Civil Service Examinations.

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Parents be sure to record the birth of your child with given name in full.

Your co-operation to the end that all births may be properly recorded will be greatly appreciated.

Your attention is called to the provisions of Section 36 and 55 of Chapter 207 of the General Laws relating to marriages solemnized out of this state, which are as follows:

“Section 29 of Chapter 151 of the Revised Laws: If a marriage is solemnized in another state between parties living in this Commonwealth who return to dwell here they shall, within seven days after their return, file with the clerk or registrar of the city or town in which either of them lived

at the time of their marriage, a certificate or declaration of their marriage, including the facts relative to marriages, which are required by law, and for neglect thereof shall forfeit ten dollars."

Blanks for the return of all Vital records can be obtained from the Town Clerk.

I take this opportunity in wishing the Townspeople a very prosperous year during 1948.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT S. COLEMAN,

Town Clerk.

Mendon, January 1, 1948.

## REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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|                                                    |                  |
|----------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Appropriation .....                                | \$1,000 00       |
| Transferred from Town Hall Improve-<br>ments ..... | 159 22           |
| Total .....                                        | ————— \$1,159 22 |

### Expenditures:

#### PAYROLLS.

|                                     |                  |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Mathew M. Mantoni, Chief .....      | \$373 03         |
| Mathew M. Mantoni, use of car ..... | 46 05            |
| Harold Barrows .....                | 132 88           |
| Raymond Barrows .....               | 77 20            |
| Robert Bartlett .....               | 27 40            |
| Robert Bartlett, use of car .....   | 80               |
| Norry J. Daige .....                | 20 82            |
| Harold Fairbanks .....              | 18 77            |
| Harold Fairbanks, use of car .....  | 80               |
| Clarence Grant .....                | 36 98            |
| Clarence Grant, use of car .....    | 9 60             |
| Harold F. Lowell .....              | 3 40             |
| Ernest Mellen .....                 | 6 80             |
| Harold Metcalf .....                | 215 20           |
| Harold Metcalf, use of car .....    | 52 70            |
| Raymond Rogers .....                | 3 40             |
| Thomas Stevens .....                | 63 75            |
|                                     | ————— \$1,089 58 |

#### EQUIPMENT.

|                                        |         |
|----------------------------------------|---------|
| M. Mantoni, toll calls .....           | \$14 94 |
| Forbes Press, supplies .....           | 17 00   |
| John Lundvall, accident pictures ..... | 15 00   |

|                                      |    |            |
|--------------------------------------|----|------------|
| Commissioner of Public Safety, forms | 70 |            |
| Alpurlite, lenses .....              | 7  | 60         |
| Gammon Office System, supplies ..... | 14 | 40         |
|                                      |    | <hr/>      |
|                                      |    | \$69 64    |
|                                      |    | <hr/>      |
| Total expenditures .....             |    | \$1,159 22 |

## Rates:

Chief, 95 cents per hour.  
 Officers, 85 cents per hour.  
 Mileage, 5 cents per mile.

Respectfully submitted,

MATHEW M. MANTONI,

Chief of Police.

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT  
 MAY 19, 1947 TO DECEMBER 31, 1947.

|                                   |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Complaints answered .....         | 60        |
| Summons served .....              | 17        |
| Arrests made .....                | 4         |
| Breaks investigated .....         | 8         |
| Auto accidents investigated ..... | 16        |
| Fatal accidents .....             | 1         |
| Licenses revoked .....            | 8         |
| Court cases .....                 | 6         |
| Admitted to Institutions .....    | 1         |
| Patrol of roads .....             | 426 hours |

Respectfully submitted,

MATHEW M. MANTONI,

Chief of Police.



## REPORT OF THE FOREST WARDEN.

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|                                     |          |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation .....                 | \$500 00 |          |
| Transferred from Reserve Fund ..... | 50 00    |          |
| Total .....                         |          | \$550 00 |

### Expended :

|                                  |          |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Payrolls .....                   | \$274 53 |          |
| Supplies and new equipment ..... | 250 80   |          |
| Salary as Warden .....           | 24 67    |          |
| Total expended .....             |          | \$550 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. LOWELL,

Forest Warden.

## REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS.

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|                                     |          |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation .....                 | \$800 00 |          |
| Transferred from Reserve Fund ..... | 63 86    |          |
| Total .....                         |          | \$863 86 |

### Expended:

|                            |          |          |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|
| Payrolls .....             | \$313 15 |          |
| Fire Whistle Test .....    | 33 00    |          |
| Fuel .....                 | 79 46    |          |
| Repairs to equipment ..... | 99 99    |          |
| Supplies .....             | 60 56    |          |
| Gas and oil .....          | 41 85    |          |
| Test Blowing .....         | 50 00    |          |
| Salary as Chief .....      | 100 00   |          |
| Janitor Service .....      | 25 00    |          |
| Telephone .....            | 60 85    |          |
| Total expended .....       |          | \$863 86 |

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. LOWELL, Chief,  
 NORRY J. DAIGE,  
 MATHEW M. MANTONI,  
 Fire Engineers.

## REPORT OF THE FOREST WARDEN.

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January 1, 1948.

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The Forest Fire Department answered 30 alarms, burning over 11 acres of grass and  $9\frac{1}{2}$  acres of brush land. Water Wetter was used to some extent with great success.

During the dry Fall weather only two small roadside fires occurred in Mendon, and we feel very proud to have had this fine cooperation from all the townspeople.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. LOWELL,

Forest Warden.

## REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS.

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January 1, 1948.

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The Fire Department answered 7 alarms in 1947, as follows:

2 Dwelling house fires.

1 Garage fire.

3 Chimney fires.

1 Automobile fire.

Total estimated damage \$6,600.00.

One hundred feet of 2½ inch hose was added to the equipment and two water holes were partly cleaned.

A telephone was installed in the Fire Station with an extension in the home of Raymond Dudley, Fire Department Number 2072, Milford.

Water was turned on in the East Mendon district with ten hydrants available.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. LOWELL, Chief,

NORRY J. DAIGE,

MATHEW M. MANTONI,

Fire Engineers.

## REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN.

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|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Appropriation ..... | \$250 00 |
|---------------------|----------|

Expended:

|                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| William Nuttall, salary ..... | \$12 00 |
|-------------------------------|---------|

Payrolls:

|                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| William Nuttall ..... | \$60 00 |
|-----------------------|---------|

|                       |       |
|-----------------------|-------|
| William Munsell ..... | 46 20 |
|-----------------------|-------|

|                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| George Blanchard ..... | 72 00 |
|------------------------|-------|

|                      |  |          |
|----------------------|--|----------|
| Total expended ..... |  | \$190 20 |
|----------------------|--|----------|

|                  |  |       |
|------------------|--|-------|
| Unexpended ..... |  | 59 80 |
|------------------|--|-------|

|  |  |          |
|--|--|----------|
|  |  | \$250 00 |
|--|--|----------|

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM E. NUTTALL,

Tree Warden.

## ELM BEETLE SUPPRESSION.

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|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Appropriation ..... | \$500 00 |
|---------------------|----------|

### Expended:

|                               |          |  |
|-------------------------------|----------|--|
| William Nuttall, salary ..... | \$10 00  |  |
| P. A. Millis, spraying .....  | 490 00   |  |
| Total expended .....          | \$500 00 |  |

## MOTH SUPPRESSION.

|                                   |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Appropriation .....               | \$200 00 |
| Transferred to Snow Removal ..... | 200 00   |

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM E. NUTTALL,

Supervisor.

## REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

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|                                          | Scales                                                                      | Amount                                                                          |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Platform scales under 5000 lbs. ....     | 1                                                                           | \$ 50                                                                           |
| Beam scales over 100 lbs. ....           | 1                                                                           | 50                                                                              |
| Spring scales under 100 lbs. ....        | 3                                                                           | 30                                                                              |
| Computing scales under 100 lbs. ....     | 1                                                                           | 10                                                                              |
| Gasoline pumps, meter system ....        | 7                                                                           | 3 50                                                                            |
| Kerosene pumps, hand system, 1 gal. .... | 2                                                                           | 20                                                                              |
|                                          | <hr style="width: 10%; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"/> 15 | <hr style="width: 10%; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"/> \$5 10 |

I have collected \$5.10 for Sealing Fees and have turned this amount over to the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

KENNETH TAYLOR,

Sealer.

Mendon, December 30, 1947.



REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WEIGHER.

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## Report of Year's Weighings:

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| 93 weighings at \$.40 each ..... | \$37 20 |
| 1 free weighing for Boy Scouts   |         |
| <hr/>                            |         |
| 94 Total weighings               |         |

Respectfully submitted,

MARTHA E. DUDLEY,

Public Weigher.

## REPORT OF INSPECTORS OF SLAUGHTERING.

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To the Honorable Board of Health:

The following animals have been slaughtered in our presence and inspected by us:

|                 | Cows     | Pigs     | Calves   | Sheep   | Total     |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|---------|-----------|
| January .....   | 10       | 7        | ....     | ....    | 17        |
| February .....  | 5        | ....     | ....     | ....    | 5         |
| March .....     | 4        | ....     | ....     | ....    | 4         |
| April .....     | 3        | 3        | 2        | ....    | 8         |
| May .....       | 2        | 6        | 1        | ....    | 9         |
| June .....      | 3        | ....     | 6        | ....    | 9         |
| July .....      | 3        | ....     | 6        | ....    | 9         |
| August .....    | 6        | 2        | 1        | ....    | 9         |
| September ..... | 1        | 6        | 7        | 6       | 20        |
| October .....   | 2        | 11       | ....     | 2       | 15        |
| November .....  | ....     | 6        | ....     | ....    | 6         |
| December .....  | 3        | 4        | ....     | ....    | 7         |
| Total .....     | <hr/> 42 | <hr/> 45 | <hr/> 23 | <hr/> 8 | <hr/> 118 |

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK R. PHILLIPS,

WILLARD N. SEIBERT,

Inspectors of Slaughtering.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

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|                                       |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Appropriation .....                   | \$1,200 00 |
| Transferred from Surplus Revenue .... | 550 00     |
| Total .....                           | \$1,750 00 |

### Expenditures:

|                                                                        |            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Frank R. Phillips, Inspector of Slaughtering .....                     | \$20 00    |
| Willard N. Seibert, Inspector of Slaughtering .....                    | 79 00      |
| Alex Woleck, rent and labor on Town Dump .....                         | 71 00      |
| A. H. Sweet Co., supplies for clinic .....                             | 2 05       |
| Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co., material and equipment used on dump .....  | 131 75     |
| Varney Bros., material and equipment on dump .....                     | 328 15     |
| Milford-Hopedale-Mendon Instructive District Nursing Association ..... | 75 00      |
| Rutland Training Center, care of one patient .....                     | 651 44     |
| Milford Daily News, advertising .....                                  | 10 30      |
| Leonard N. Jacques & Sons, fencing .....                               | 11 00      |
| Henry J. Poirier, use of bulldozer .....                               | 45 00      |
| Ruhan, signs for dump .....                                            | 10 75      |
| Inspection and vaccine for dogs .....                                  | 12 71      |
| Total expended .....                                                   | \$1,448 15 |
| Unexpended .....                                                       | 301 85     |
|                                                                        | \$1,750 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

D. VICTOR SMITH, Chairman,  
HAROLD METCALF,  
LEE P. McFARLAND,  
Board of Health.

## REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY SURVEYOR.

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TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

GENTLEMEN:

I submit the following annual report on the roads for the year 1947.

### CHAPTER 81.

25,511 gallons of tar and asphalt were applied to various roads under this Chapter. We used about 6,000 gallons more this year as the roads were pretty well dried out and needed it badly.

There were 1,642 yards of gravel used on the dirt roads. Taft Avenue has been added to our dirt roads and it took considerable gravel to make this road passable. We hope to make some improvements on this road in 1948.

I would like to mention the fact that the County and State cut our allotment for Chapter 90 Maintenance and this made it necessary to use some of Chapter 81 money.

All drainage was cleaned and some new drains were added.

The road was rebuilt on Hartford Avenue, East between Providence Street and the Muddy Brook Bridge, a distance of 1,050 feet by 20 feet wide. It was a mix and place job, and the road is now much improved for the school bus and large trucks to pass, and also facilitate snow plowing.

On George Street Hill the road was regraded, a distance of 530 feet. This was also a mix and place job and the road is now in very good shape.

Blackstone Street from the residence of Mr. Tetreault to the former Louis Holbrook home, was made a permanent black top road, a distance of 2,640 feet. It was a mix and place work, and has improved this road considerably.

Brush was cut on most all roads and dangerous curves.

#### CHAPTER 90, MAINTENANCE.

4,783 gallons of asphalt were applied on Providence Street and Hartford Avenue West.

500 feet of open drainage was installed on Northbridge Road and new drainage was added on Providence Street.

Brush was cut on all dangerous curves and on some roads.

Our appropriations for this work were cut from \$3,000. last year to \$1,950. this year. This was quite a drawback, considering the increase in the cost of labor and equipment.

#### CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION.

Chapter 90 Construction was started after some delay. Bids were necessary on the new steel pipe for the bridge, and so much time elapsed after the bid was given, before the pipe arrived, that I decided to postpone further work on this project until the weather was suitable. The Massachusetts Department of Public Works gave approval of this action. If we had proceeded with this work it would have meant closing the road for some time, and during the Winter months it would be impracticable to work with any degree of certainty.

#### SNOW REMOVAL.

At our last Annual Town Meeting we asked for \$2,500. which was \$1,000. less than the previous year, hoping this would be a sufficient amount. However, with the bad weather

in the Spring, which made it necessary to do some plowing and a lot of sanding, all but two or three dollars was used up. Because of this shortage, funds for the installation of the snow fences was taken from General Repairs.

Because of the severe storms in December, it was necessary to ask for more funds, thus the transfer of \$1,771.26 at a Special Town Meeting in December.

In concluding, I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Townspeople and the State and County Engineers for their cooperation and any assistance they have given me in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM R. BOWEN,  
Highway Surveyor.

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#### SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES.

|                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Chapter 81 .....              | \$11,699 64       |
| Chapter 90 Construction ..... | 4,366 58          |
| Chapter 90 Maintenance .....  | 1,949 84          |
| Snow Removal .....            | 4,268 58          |
| General Repairs .....         | 1,494 90          |
| Road Machinery .....          | 1,950 66          |
| Total .....                   | ————— \$25,730 20 |

#### CHAPTER 81.

|                          |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Town Appropriation ..... | \$3,600 00        |
| State Allotment .....    | 8,100 00          |
|                          | ————— \$11,700 00 |

## EXPENDITURES.

## PAY ROLLS.

|                 |            |            |
|-----------------|------------|------------|
| Labor .....     | \$3,757 85 |            |
| Equipment ..... | 3,605 70   |            |
|                 | <hr/>      | \$7,363 55 |

## MATERIALS.

|                                                     |            |             |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Trimont Bituminous Products Co.,<br>asphalt .....   | \$1,888 93 |             |
| H. A. Daniels, insurance .....                      | 147 12     |             |
| Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co., sand and<br>patch ..... | 630 30     |             |
| Mrs. Milton Goldthwaite, gravel .....               | 157 00     |             |
| Erle Gaskill, gravel .....                          | 32 00      |             |
| Barrett Division, tar .....                         | 1,473 54   |             |
| Henry J. Poirier, gravel .....                      | 7 20       |             |
| Total .....                                         | <hr/>      | \$4,336 09  |
| Total expenditures .....                            |            | \$11,699 64 |
| Unexpended balance .....                            |            | 36          |
|                                                     |            | <hr/>       |
|                                                     |            | \$11,700 00 |

## CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION.

|                          |            |            |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| Town Appropriation ..... | \$2,000 00 |            |
| County Allotment .....   | 2,000 00   |            |
| State Allotment .....    | 4,000 00   |            |
|                          | <hr/>      | \$8,000 00 |

## EXPENDITURES.

## PAY ROLLS.

|                 |          |            |
|-----------------|----------|------------|
| Labor .....     | \$581 45 |            |
| Equipment ..... | 1,136 59 |            |
|                 | <hr/>    | \$1,718 04 |

## MATERIALS.

|                               |          |  |
|-------------------------------|----------|--|
| Henry J. Poirier, bitts ..... | \$2 50   |  |
| N. E. Metal Culvert Co. ....  | 2,578 89 |  |



|                                         |       |            |
|-----------------------------------------|-------|------------|
| Henry J. Poirier, gravel .....          | 8 00  |            |
| R. Temple, dynamite and caps .....      | 5 55  |            |
| Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co., gravel .... | 53 60 |            |
|                                         | <hr/> | \$2,648 54 |
| Total expenditures .....                |       | \$4,366 58 |
| Unexpended .....                        |       | 3,633 42   |
|                                         |       | <hr/>      |
|                                         |       | \$8,000 00 |

## CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE.

|                          |          |            |
|--------------------------|----------|------------|
| Town Appropriation ..... | \$650 00 |            |
| State Allotment .....    | 650 00   |            |
| County Allotment .....   | 650 00   |            |
|                          | <hr/>    | \$1,950 00 |

## EXPENDITURES.

## PAY ROLLS.

|                 |          |            |
|-----------------|----------|------------|
| Labor .....     | \$780 60 |            |
| Equipment ..... | 414 55   |            |
|                 | <hr/>    | \$1,195 15 |

## MATERIALS.

|                                                    |         |            |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------|------------|
| H. A. Daniels, insurance .....                     | \$29 20 |            |
| Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co., sand .....             | 130 20  |            |
| Trimount Bituminous Products Co.,<br>asphalt ..... | 595 29  |            |
|                                                    | <hr/>   | \$754 69   |
| Total expenditures .....                           |         | \$1,949 84 |
| Unexpended .....                                   |         | 16         |
|                                                    |         | <hr/>      |
|                                                    |         | \$1,950 00 |

## SNOW REMOVAL.

|                                         |            |
|-----------------------------------------|------------|
| Town Appropriation .....                | \$2,500 00 |
| Transferred from Moth Suppression ....  | 200 00     |
| Transferred from Soldiers' Relief ..... | 500 00     |

|                                                    |          |            |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Transferred from Town Hall Improve-<br>ments ..... | 1,071 26 |            |
|                                                    | <hr/>    | \$4,271 26 |

## EXPENDITURES.

## PAY ROLLS.

|                 |            |            |
|-----------------|------------|------------|
| Labor .....     | \$1,336 17 |            |
| Equipment ..... | 2,622 95   |            |
|                 | <hr/>      | \$3,959 12 |

## SUPPLIES.

|                                                    |         |          |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Eddie's Filling Station, equipment .....           | \$27 26 |          |
| Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co., sand and<br>salt ..... | 245 70  |          |
| Dyar Sales & Machine Co., supplies ....            | 26 50   |          |
| E. T. Powers, supplies .....                       | 10 00   |          |
|                                                    | <hr/>   | \$309 46 |

|                          |            |            |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| Total expenditures ..... | \$4,268 58 |            |
| Unexpended .....         | 2 68       |            |
|                          | <hr/>      | \$4,271 26 |

## GENERAL REPAIRS.

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Town Appropriation ..... | \$1,500 00 |
|--------------------------|------------|

## EXPENDITURES.

## PAYROLLS.

|                 |          |          |
|-----------------|----------|----------|
| Labor .....     | \$627 88 |          |
| Equipment ..... | 343 83   |          |
|                 | <hr/>    | \$971 71 |

## MATERIALS.

|                                 |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Lakeside Garage, labor .....    | \$3 50 |
| Wagner Bros., lumber .....      | 5 40   |
| E. F. Edson Co., supplies ..... | 36 75  |
| Patrick Quirk, supplies .....   | 17 00  |

|                                                      |        |            |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------|
| W. B. Brown, engineer services .....                 | 30 00  |            |
| Henry J. Poirier, gravel .....                       | 20 00  |            |
| Files & O'Keefe, supplies .....                      | 26 00  |            |
| H. A. Daniels, insurance .....                       | 17 18  |            |
| Fairbanks & Bartlett, oil .....                      | 16 61  |            |
| Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co., patch .....              | 248 50 |            |
| W. A. Barry, repairs to tools .....                  | 3 00   |            |
| L. N. Jaques & Sons, paint .....                     | 2 75   |            |
| C. C. Shattuck, paint .....                          | 8 75   |            |
| Eastman & Corbett, Inc., engineer's<br>service ..... | 68 00  |            |
| State Prison, signs .....                            | 19 75  |            |
|                                                      |        | <hr/>      |
|                                                      |        | \$523 19   |
| Total expended .....                                 |        | <hr/>      |
|                                                      |        | \$1,494 90 |
| Unexpended .....                                     |        |            |
|                                                      |        | 5 10       |
|                                                      |        | <hr/>      |
|                                                      |        | \$1,500 00 |

## ROAD MACHINERY ACCOUNT.

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Appropriation ..... | \$2,000 00 |
|---------------------|------------|

## EXPENDITURES.

|                                                                          |        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Elmer Dow, repairs to spreader .....                                     | \$5 50 |
| Jesse White, welding .....                                               | 11 50  |
| Mendon Gulf Station, supplies .....                                      | 61 95  |
| D. Victor Smith, gas and oil .....                                       | 110 40 |
| Fairbanks & Bartlett, gas and oil .....                                  | 49 76  |
| Bowker, Hamblin & Malmquist, Inc.,<br>retread tires .....                | 194 03 |
| Stobbs, Stockwell & Tilton, examina-<br>tion of Town Barn property ..... | 59 90  |
| Harold Metcalf, express .....                                            | 5 14   |
| E. T. Powers, repairs .....                                              | 11 25  |
| E. O. Rose & Son, repairs .....                                          | 1 00   |
| Home National Bank, note on truck ...                                    | 630 00 |

|                                           |        |            |
|-------------------------------------------|--------|------------|
| McGaughey Bros., rent .....               | 60 00  |            |
| H. A. Daniels, insurance .....            | 203 16 |            |
| Henley Kimball Co., repairs to truck .... | 3 03   |            |
| Dyar Sales & Machine Co., spreader ....   | 235 00 |            |
| Lakcside Garage, repairs .....            | 93 52  |            |
| Gleason's Gas Station .....               | 214 75 |            |
| Seaver's Express .....                    | 77     |            |
| Total expenditures .....                  |        | \$1,950 66 |
| Unexpended .....                          |        | 49 34      |
|                                           |        | <hr/>      |
|                                           |        | \$2,000 00 |

## ROAD MACHINERY FUND.

|                                       |            |          |
|---------------------------------------|------------|----------|
| Balance January 1, 1947 .....         | \$2,929 25 |          |
| Transferred to Road Machinery Account | 2,000 00   |          |
|                                       | <hr/>      | \$929 25 |

## PAID TO TOWN TREASURER.

|                                                  |          |                  |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------|------------------|
| Chapter 81, use of truck .....                   | \$843 70 |                  |
| Chapter 81, use of spreader .....                | 39 05    |                  |
| Chapter 81, use of grader .....                  | 144 20   |                  |
| Chapter 90 Maintenance, use of truck             | 194 25   |                  |
| Chapter 90 Maintenance, use of<br>spreader ..... | 14 30    |                  |
| Chapter 90 Construction, use of truck            | 161 00   |                  |
| Snow Removal, use of truck .....                 | 743 50   |                  |
| Snow Removal, use of spreader .....              | 22 00    |                  |
| General Repairs, use of truck .....              | 157 95   |                  |
| Norman Rogers, purchase of spreader              | 50 00    |                  |
| P. A. Millis, use of mixer .....                 | 9 00     |                  |
| Frank King, use of mixer .....                   | 10 00    |                  |
| Mathew Mantoni, use of mixer .....               | 1 50     |                  |
| A. Bliss, use of mixer .....                     | 2 00     |                  |
|                                                  | <hr/>    | \$2,392 45       |
| Balance in Fund December 31, 1947 ....           |          | <hr/> \$3,321 70 |

## SCHEDULE OF WAGES PAID EMPLOYEES ON ALL HIGHWAY WORK IN 1947.

| Name                 | Chapter 81 | Chapter 90<br>Construction | Chapter 90<br>Maintenance | Snow<br>Removal | General<br>Repairs | TOTALS     |
|----------------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------|
| W. Bowen, Supt. .... | \$958.00   | \$212.00                   | \$191.00                  | \$305.00        | \$181.00           | \$1,847.00 |
| W. Auty .....        | 171.60     |                            |                           | 18.98           | 44.55              | 235.13     |
| R. Benoit .....      |            |                            |                           | 11.14           |                    | 11.14      |
| D. Barnes .....      |            |                            |                           |                 | 2.48               | 2.48       |
| J. Carmody .....     |            |                            |                           |                 | 4.13               | 4.13       |
| A. Castro .....      | 13.20      | 29.70                      |                           | 12.37           |                    | 55.27      |
| G. Daige .....       |            |                            |                           | 25.58           |                    | 25.58      |
| J. Dominick .....    |            |                            |                           | 3.72            |                    | 3.72       |
| N. Downing .....     |            |                            |                           | 1.65            |                    | 1.65       |
| K. Evers .....       |            |                            |                           | 10.73           |                    | 10.73      |
| R. Fagan .....       | 56.93      | 103.95                     | 62.70                     | 4.95            | 75.08              | 303.61     |
| D. Gaskell .....     |            |                            |                           | 14.85           |                    | 14.85      |
| E. Gaskill .....     | 59.40      |                            |                           |                 |                    | 59.40      |
| R. Gaskill .....     |            |                            |                           | 1.65            |                    | 1.65       |
| E. Goss .....        |            |                            |                           | 9.08            |                    | 9.08       |
| F. Grant .....       |            |                            |                           | 15.27           |                    | 15.27      |
| G. Hutchinson .....  |            |                            |                           | 52.81           |                    | 52.81      |
| W. Hutchinson .....  |            |                            |                           | 88.70           | 24.76              | 113.46     |
| F. Irons .....       |            |                            |                           | 22.28           |                    | 22.28      |
| D. Kempton .....     |            |                            |                           | 9.08            | 4.13               | 13.21      |
| E. Kempton .....     | 6.60       |                            |                           | 25.99           |                    | 32.59      |
| F. King .....        |            | 23.10                      |                           | 8.25            | 23.10              | 54.45      |
| S. Kraft .....       | 269.79     | 62.70                      | 139.43                    |                 | 13.20              | 485.12     |

## SCHEDULE OF WAGES PAID EMPLOYEES ON ALL HIGHWAY WORK IN 1947—Con't.

| Name               | Chapter 81 | Chapter 90<br>Construction | Chapter 90<br>Maintenance | Snow<br>Removal | General<br>Repairs | TOTALS   |
|--------------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------|
| J. Lamothe .....   |            |                            |                           | 4.95            |                    | 4.95     |
| L. Lowell .....    |            |                            |                           | 6.60            |                    | 6.60     |
| W. Mathewson ..... | 13.20      | 6.60                       |                           | 16.09           | 6.60               | 42.49    |
| H. Metcalf .....   | 752.25     | 130.90                     | 172.13                    | 243.95          | 157.25             | 1,456.48 |
| H. Miller .....    |            |                            |                           | 9.49            | 3.30               | 12.79    |
| L. Munhall .....   |            |                            |                           | 4.54            |                    | 4.54     |
| W. Munsell .....   | 489.25     |                            | 76.73                     | 13.20           | 33.00              | 612.18   |
| S. Nuttall .....   |            |                            |                           | 16.09           |                    | 16.09    |
| A. Paddock .....   |            |                            |                           | 4.95            |                    | 4.95     |
| W. Payce .....     | 39.60      |                            |                           |                 |                    | 39.60    |
| G. Phipps .....    |            |                            |                           | 15.27           | 9.08               | 24.35    |
| R. Phipps .....    |            |                            |                           | 2.06            | 2.48               | 4.54     |
| J. Quirk .....     |            |                            |                           | 3.72            |                    | 3.72     |
| W. Randor .....    | 6.60       |                            |                           |                 |                    | 6.60     |
| A. Sibley .....    |            |                            |                           | 4.95            |                    | 4.95     |
| C. Smith .....     |            |                            |                           | 6.65            |                    | 6.65     |
| A. Taft .....      |            |                            |                           | 59.82           |                    | 59.82    |
| R. Temple .....    |            |                            |                           |                 |                    | 12.50    |
| K. Taylor .....    | 117.15     | 12.50                      |                           | 134.48          | 22.28              | 273.91   |
| A. Tetreault ..... | 48.00      |                            |                           | 14.03           | 11.55              | 73.58    |
| L. Tetreault ..... |            |                            |                           | 18.98           |                    | 18.98    |
| T. Tetreault ..... | 134.48     |                            | 19.80                     |                 |                    | 154.28   |
| V. Tetreault ..... | 226.89     |                            | 95.71                     |                 | 4.13               | 326.73   |

# SCHEDULE OF WAGES PAID EMPLOYEES ON ALL HIGHWAY WORK IN 1947—Con't.

| Name                | Chapter 81 | Chapter 90<br>Construction | Chapter 90<br>Maintenance | Snow<br>Removal | General<br>Repairs | TOTALS     |
|---------------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------|
| P. Twitchell .....  |            |                            |                           | 17.33           |                    | 17.33      |
| W. Wagner .....     |            |                            |                           | 19.80           |                    | 19.80      |
| E. White .....      |            |                            |                           | 18.15           |                    | 18.15      |
| G. Wiley .....      | 55.00      |                            |                           |                 |                    | 55.00      |
| A. Woleck .....     | 6.60       |                            |                           |                 |                    | 6.60       |
| C. Wood .....       |            |                            |                           | 10.73           |                    | 10.73      |
| H. Wood .....       |            |                            |                           | 21.45           | 2.48               | 23.93      |
| W. Yanski, Jr. .... | 333.31     |                            | 23.10                     | 26.81           | 3.30               | 386.52     |
| TOTALS .....        | \$3,757.85 | \$581.45                   | \$780.60                  | \$1,336.17      | \$627.88           | \$7,083.95 |



# SCHEDULE OF AMOUNTS PAID FOR RENTED EQUIPMENT.

## TRUCKS.

| Name                     | Chapter 81 | Chapter 90<br>Construction | Chapter 90<br>Maintenance | Snow<br>Removal | General<br>Repairs | TOTALS   |
|--------------------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------|
| D. K. Barnes .....       | \$300.00   |                            | \$56.00                   | \$6.25          | \$7.50             | \$369.75 |
| R. Carlson .....         |            |                            |                           | 12.25           |                    | 12.25    |
| E. Gaskill .....         | 180.00     |                            |                           |                 |                    | 180.00   |
| R. Gaskill .....         |            |                            |                           | 72.75           |                    | 72.75    |
| L. Hazard .....          | 126.00     |                            |                           |                 |                    | 126.00   |
| N. Rogers .....          | 518.00     | 102.00                     | 56.00                     | 369.25          | 20.00              | 1,065.25 |
| A. Sabatenelli .....     |            |                            |                           | 70.50           |                    | 70.50    |
| L. Tetreault .....       | 176.00     |                            |                           | 252.70          |                    | 428.70   |
| J. White .....           | 130.00     |                            |                           | 1,065.00        | 19.75              | 1,214.75 |
| White Bros. ....         | 144.00     |                            |                           |                 |                    | 144.00   |
| H. Wood .....            |            | 18.90                      |                           |                 |                    | 18.90    |
| Pine Grove Cemetery .... |            |                            |                           |                 | 5.63               | 5.63     |

## BULLDOZER.

|                             |        |  |  |  |        |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|--|--|--|--------|--------|
| Varney Bros .....           | 129.74 |  |  |  |        | 129.74 |
| Varney Bros. (Trailer) .... | 12.00  |  |  |  |        | 12.00  |
| Henry J. Poirier .....      | 141.75 |  |  |  | 130.00 | 271.75 |
| Henry J. Poirier (Trailer)  | 14.00  |  |  |  |        | 14.00  |

# SCHEDULE OF AMOUNTS PAID FOR RENTED EQUIPMENT—Con't.

| Name                                    | Chapter 81 | Chapter 90<br>Construction | Chapter 90<br>Maintenance | Snow<br>Removal | General<br>Repairs | TOTALS   |
|-----------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------|
| COMPRESSOR WORK                         |            |                            |                           |                 |                    |          |
| Henry J. Poirier .....                  |            | 14.00                      |                           |                 |                    | 14.00    |
| Henry J. Poirier<br>(Jack Hammer) ..... |            | 1.20                       |                           |                 |                    | 1.20     |
| POWER SHOVEL.                           |            |                            |                           |                 |                    |          |
| Henry J. Poirier .....                  | 570.00     | 494.00                     |                           |                 |                    | 1,064.00 |
| Henry J. Poirier (Trailer)              | 38.50      |                            |                           |                 |                    | 38.50    |
| GRADER                                  |            |                            |                           |                 |                    |          |
| Town of Franklin .....                  | 221.00     |                            |                           |                 |                    | 221.00   |
| ROLLER                                  |            |                            |                           |                 |                    |          |
| Town of Northbridge ....                | 105.00     |                            |                           |                 |                    | 105.00   |

## SCHEDULE OF AMOUNTS PAID FOR RENTED EQUIPMENT—Con't.

| Name               | Chapter 81 | Chapter 90<br>Construction | Chapter 90<br>Maintenance | Snow<br>Removal | General<br>Repairs | TOTALS     |
|--------------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------|
| WRECKER SERVICE.   |            |                            |                           |                 |                    |            |
| A. Antolini .....  |            |                            |                           |                 | 3.00               | 3.00       |
| USE OF AUTOMOBILE. |            |                            |                           |                 |                    |            |
| Wm. Bowen .....    | 70.25      | 48.00                      | 22.00                     |                 |                    | 140.25     |
| TRACTOR.           |            |                            |                           |                 |                    |            |
| A. Woleck .....    |            |                            | 72.00                     |                 |                    | 72.00      |
| D. Lowell .....    |            |                            |                           | 8.75            |                    | 8.75       |
| TOWN EQUIPMENT.    |            |                            |                           |                 |                    |            |
| Grader .....       | 144.20     |                            |                           |                 |                    | 144.20     |
| Spreader .....     | 39.05      |                            | 14.30                     | 22.00           |                    | 75.35      |
| Town Truck .....   | 843.70     | 161.00                     | 194.25                    | 743.50          | 157.95             | 2,100.40   |
| TOTALS .....       | \$3,605.70 | \$1,136.59                 | \$414.55                  | \$2,622.95      | \$343.83           | \$8,123.62 |

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE.

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### TEMPORARY AID.

|                          |                                                                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Town Appropriation ..... | \$2,500 00                                                               |
| Expended .....           | \$2,269 06                                                               |
| Unexpended .....         | 230 94                                                                   |
|                          | <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$2,500 00 |

### DETAILED EXPENDITURES.

#### MENDON SETTLED CASES.

|                                  |                                                                          |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| One family in own home .....     | \$554 87                                                                 |
| One person in own home .....     | 442 15                                                                   |
| One person in own home .....     | 257 47                                                                   |
| One person in private home ..... | 131 60                                                                   |
|                                  | <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$1,386 09 |

#### CASES WITH NO SETTLEMENT, CHARGEABLE

##### TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF WELFARE.

|                                  |                                                                        |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| One person in private home ..... | \$60 00                                                                |
| One family in own home .....     | 768 60                                                                 |
|                                  | <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$828 60 |

#### CASES CHARGEABLE TO OTHER TOWNS.

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| One person in private home ..... | \$43 50 |
|----------------------------------|---------|

## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

|                                         |        |         |
|-----------------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Greater Boston Community Council,       |        |         |
| Social Index .....                      | \$5 50 |         |
| Eddie's Service Station, supplies ..... | 5 37   |         |
|                                         | <hr/>  | \$10 87 |

## PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF ABOVE EXPENSES.

|                              |          |            |
|------------------------------|----------|------------|
| State of Massachusetts ..... | \$828 60 |            |
| Other Towns .....            | 43 50    |            |
| Town of Mendon .....         | 1,396 96 |            |
|                              | <hr/>    | \$2,269 06 |

Respectfully submitted,

LEE P. McFARLAND, Chairman,

HAROLD METCALF,

D. VICTOR SMITH,

Board of Public Welfare.

# REPORT OF AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN.

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## Resources:

Town Appropriation ..... \$2,200 00

## Received from Federal Government:

(Direct Aid) ..... 926 00

(Administration) ..... 1 88

————— \$3,127 88

## Expenditures:

For Direct Aid ..... \$3,055 07

Unexpended ..... 72 81

————— \$3,127 88

## Summary:

Federal Government ..... \$895 00

State of Massachusetts Share ..... 1,018 38

Town of Mendon's Share ..... 1,141 69

————— \$3,055 07

## Amounts Due Town:

Federal Government ..... \$144 00

State of Massachusetts ..... 198 16

————— \$342 16

Respectfully submitted,

D. VICTOR SMITH,

Agent.

## REPORT OF THE BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE.

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### Resources:

|                                       |             |             |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Appropriated by the Town .....        | \$13,000 00 |             |
| Transferred from Town Hall Repairs    |             |             |
| Appropriation .....                   | 696 81      |             |
| From Federal Grant (Direct Aid) ..... | 11,401 98   |             |
| (Administration) .....                | 662 06      |             |
|                                       |             | \$25,760 85 |

### Expenditures:

|                             |             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| For Direct Aid .....        | \$23,259 07 |             |
| For Out of Town Cases ..... | 1,412 22    |             |
| For State Cases .....       | 427 50      |             |
| Administration .....        | 368 54      |             |
|                             |             | \$25,467 33 |

### Summary:

|                                  |             |             |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Federal Government's Share ..... | \$11,622 08 |             |
| State's Share .....              | 9,047 39    |             |
| Town of Mendon's Share .....     | 4,163 68    |             |
| Other Towns .....                | 265 64      |             |
|                                  |             | \$25,098 79 |
| Administration .....             | \$368 54    |             |
| Unexpended balance .....         | 293 52      |             |
|                                  |             | \$662 06    |
|                                  |             | \$25,760 85 |



## Amounts due Town:

|                              |            |            |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Federal Government .....     | \$1,967 70 |            |
| State of Massachusetts ..... | 1,664 57   |            |
| Town of Milford .....        | 122 59     |            |
| Town of Northbridge .....    | 30 92      |            |
| Town of Westboro .....       | 9 86       |            |
| Town of Upton .....          | 102 27     |            |
|                              | <hr/>      | \$3,867 91 |

Respectfully submitted,

D. VICTOR SMITH,  
Agent.

## PARK DEPARTMENT.

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|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Appropriation ..... | \$125 00 |
|---------------------|----------|

Expended:

|                                          |         |          |
|------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| George Johnson, care of Parks .....      | \$75 38 |          |
| Chester Avery, care of Old Cemetery .... | 35 75   |          |
| Total expended .....                     |         | \$111 13 |
| Unexpended .....                         |         | 13 87    |
|                                          |         | \$125 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

NORRY J. DAIGE,  
FRED PHIPPS,  
FRANCIS MORRISON.

# WATER CONSTRUCTION, EAST MENDON.

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|                                        |             |
|----------------------------------------|-------------|
| Appropriation .....                    | \$20,000 00 |
| Transferred from Available Funds ..... | 3,000 00    |
|                                        | <hr/>       |
| Total .....                            | \$23,000 00 |

## Expended:

|                                     |                   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Lake Nipmuc Ice Co., trucking ..... | \$145 00          |
| Pipes and fittings .....            | 9,193 02          |
| Meters and other equipment .....    | 1,304 30          |
| Contractor .....                    | 6,740 76          |
| Total expended .....                | <hr/> \$17,383 08 |
| Unexpended .....                    | 5,616 92          |
|                                     | <hr/>             |
|                                     | \$23,000 00       |

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN GOODNOW,  
EVERETT WATSON,  
DONATO LEONE.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS.

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Mendon, Mass., January 24, 1948.

The East Mendon Water System went into use about December 1st, 1947, with twenty-seven takers receiving service, and ten hydrants available.

Owing to weather conditions, the final completion has been delayed until the Spring of 1948.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN E. GOODNOW, Chairman,  
EVERETT G. WATSON, Clerk,  
DONATO F. LEONE,

Mendon Water Commissioners.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Appropriation ..... | \$625 00 |
|---------------------|----------|

Expenditures:

|                                      |          |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Barney Coal .....                    | \$74 00  |          |
| Gaylord Bros., supplies .....        | 27 95    |          |
| American Library Association .....   | 8 00     |          |
| Worcester Suburban Electric Co. .... | 12 00    |          |
| Personal Book Shop .....             | 49 19    |          |
| Vestella Daniels, librarian .....    | 225 00   |          |
| Lake Nipmuc Ice Co., wood .....      | 12 00    |          |
| Verena Daley, miscellaneous .....    | 4 40     |          |
| Dura Binding Co. ....                | 54 87    |          |
| H. W. Wilson Co., books .....        | 8 80     |          |
| Raymond C. Dudley, janitor .....     | 100 00   |          |
| Nina M. Burr, magazines .....        | 35 10    |          |
| Cahill's News Agency, books .....    | 11 29    |          |
| Total expended .....                 | \$622 60 |          |
| Balance .....                        | 2 40     |          |
|                                      |          | \$625 00 |
| <br>Fletcher Fund, books .....       |          | \$66 41  |

SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF THE TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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The Trustees of the Taft Public Library present the report of the Librarian and the Financial Report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1947.

This year about 50 of the books that were badly in need of repair were rebound. About 50 more will be done this year. During the war it wasn't possible to have this done. These books are the non-fiction and the better fiction books that will be needed for future reference.

The Trustees wish to thank our librarian, Mrs. Vestella Daniels, for the work that she has done in the library.

Respectfully submitted,

VERENA R. DALEY, Secretary,  
MRS. LENA W. GEORGE,  
HAROLD METCALF,  
JOHN LUNDVALL,  
PERCY ROWE,

Library Trustees.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

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TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY:—

The circulation for the year (100 days) was 3,923 volumes. The largest number given out in one day was 120, the smallest, 6, the average, 39. The circulation by classes was as follows:—Fiction, 2,946; Magazines, 510; Biography, 103; Travel, 64; History, 97; Literature, 14; Fine Arts, 22; Science and Useful Arts, 102; all others, 65.

There are 10,289 volumes in the library. 91 books were added this year. 49 were bought by the Fletcher Fund, 29 by the town, and 13 were gifts. 50 books were rebound.

The library subscribes to the American Magazine, American Home, Atlantic Monthly, Better Homes and Gardens, Boys' Life, Child Life, Colliers, Good Housekeeping, Ladies' Home Journal, Life, McCall's, National Geographic, Parents' Magazine, Popular Mechanics, Readers' Digest, Red Book, Saturday Evening Post, and Woman's Home Companion.

Fines received during the year amounted to \$22.34.

Respectfully submitted,

VESTELLA M. DANIELS,

Librarian.

January 1, 1948.



## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

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TO THE CITIZENS OF MENDON:

Pursuant to Chapter 41, Section 50, of the General Laws, I have examined and checked the accounts of the various Town Officers receiving and disbursing municipal funds for the fiscal year Ending December 31, 1947, and find their accounts correctly cast with vouchers carefully filed.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM A. BARRY,

Auditor.

Mendon, January 23, 1948.

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

OF THE

## TOWN OF MENDON

## MASSACHUSETTS

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1947

# SCHOOL DIRECTORY 1947—1948.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

|                                             |                   |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| John L. Lundvall, Chairman .....            | Term Expires 1948 |
| G. Kenneth Taft, Secretary (Resigned) ..... | Term Expires 1949 |
| Robert W. Chase, Secretary .....            | Term Expires 1950 |
| Gordon R. Good .....                        | Term Expires 1948 |

Regular meetings held at the Center School building on the fourth Monday of each month at 7.30 P. M.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS—PERCY L. ROWE, B.S.E., Ed. M.

The Superintendent may be met every Tuesday and Wednesday at the Mendon High School or by appointment.

Office—Center School, Bellingham Center

Office Hours—4 to 5 o'clock P. M. on school days.

Telephone, Office—Milford 152-4

## SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

K. A. Campbell, M. D. ....

Telephone, Milford, 102

## SCHOOL NURSE.

Helen C. Grady, R. N., Supervisor .....

Milford District Nursing Association

## JANITOR.

Raymond Barrows .....

Center School

## TRANSPORTATION AGENTS

Harold C. Barrows, Mendon, Mass.

Jesse R. White, Mendon, Mass.

## ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Harold C. Barrows  
Mendon, Mass.

# TEACHERS.

| Name                        | Subject or Grade.                       | Preparation                                       | Degrees or Yrs. in Town | Yrs. Ser. |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Henry P. Clough, Principal  | Algebra, French,<br>Geometry, Geography | Dartmouth College and<br>New Hampshire University | B.S.<br>Ed.M.           | 20th      |
| Raymond F. Biedrzycki       | Math., Biology,<br>Science, Physics     | Rhode Island State                                | B.S.                    | Second    |
| Mary C. McCormack           | Commercial Ed. History                  | Regis College                                     | B.S.                    | Third     |
| Virginia Farrell (Resigned) | Home Economics,<br>Geography, History   | Framingham State Tea. Col.                        | B.S.E.                  | First     |
| Louise Benotti              | Home Economics, History,<br>Hygiene     | Simmons College                                   | B.S.                    | First     |
| Rita Manion (Resigned)      | English                                 | Regis College                                     | B.A.                    | Second    |
| Ann deNevers                | English                                 | Penn State                                        | B.A.                    | First     |
| Virginia Mayo               | Grades 5 and 6                          | Bridgewater State Tea. Col.                       | B.S.                    | Fourth    |
| Barbara Seaver              | Grades 4 and 5                          | Framingham State Tea. Col.                        | B.S.E.                  | Third     |
| Grace Gaskell               | Grades 2 and 3                          | Framingham State Tea. Col.                        | Two                     | Ninth     |
| Bertha Hammann              | Grade 1                                 | Rhode Island College                              | 2½                      | Second    |

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR PERIOD FROM  
JANUARY, 1948 TO JUNE, 1949.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Open January 5, 1948, Close April 16, 1948.

Open April 26, 1948, Close June 17, 1948.

SUMMER VACATION.

Open September 8, 1948, Close December 23, 1948.

Open January 3, 1949, Close April 15, 1949.

Open April 25, 1949, Close June 16, 1949.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

Close February 20, 1948, Open March 1, 1948.

Otherwise same as High School.

Close June 11, 1948, Close June 10, 1949.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

Memorial Day, May 31, 1948.

Columbus Day, October 12, 1948.

Armistice Day, November 11, 1948.

Thanksgiving Recess, November 25-26, 1948.

All legal holidays

## AGE OF ADMISSION TO SCHOOL.

Any child who becomes six years of age on or before January first of the year following the term when he wishes to enter school may be admitted into the first grade, but in every case the admission of a child under six shall be dependent upon the fitness of the child to profit by the work of the school, such fitness to be determined by the superintendent. Pupils under seven years of age who have not previously attended school shall not be permitted to enter later than thirty days after the opening of school in September of any school year.

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## SCHOOL REGULATIONS.

Any complaint or representation which any person desires to make shall be presented or referred in writing to the superintendent of schools, who, in his discretion may bring it before the school committee. In cases of discipline or other school matters relating to their children, parents shall first discuss the matter with the teacher concerned. If for some reason they are not satisfied they will further discuss the matter with the following persons, if necessary, and in the following order: first, the principal of the building and then the superintendent of schools. If, finally, the superintendent has been unable to satisfy the parents, he shall report the case to the school committee for consideration and action.

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## THE NO SCHOOL SIGNAL.

It is the policy of the school officials to practically abandon the use of the "no school" signal on account of weather conditions. This is in line with what many other cities and towns are doing. The reasons for so doing are that much con-

fusion has resulted from the use of the "no school" signal, and the realization that the loss of even one school day is a very serious one.

However, there may be days when it is advisable to close schools on account of severe weather conditions or other emergency.

Arrangements have been made with Radio Stations WNAC, WBZ, WEAN and WWON to broadcast the fact whenever it is necessary to close the schools. The siren will also blow two blasts twice at 7.30 A. M.

If schools do not close on any particularly bad day (rain, snow, or cold) parents are requested, and urged, to use their own judgment in sending their children to school.



## SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT.

### RECEIPTS.

|                             |             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| General Appropriation ..... | \$33,220 45 |             |
| Dog Tax, 1947 .....         | 407 36      |             |
| Transfer .....              | 500 00      |             |
| Total Receipts .....        |             | \$34,127 81 |
| Total Expenditures .....    | \$34,125 55 |             |
| Unexpended Balance .....    |             | 2 26        |

### REIMBURSEMENTS.

|                                                                                |          |             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| General School Fund, Part I .....                                              | 1,520 00 |             |
| General School Fund, Part II .....                                             | 3,643 60 |             |
| Superintendent: Salary, Transportation .....                                   | 771 41   |             |
| High School Grant (Due in 1947, but will not be paid to town until 1948) ..... | 846 39   |             |
| Tuition, Transportation State Wards .....                                      | 73 34    |             |
| Vocational Education .....                                                     | 369 11   |             |
| Transportation School Pupils .....                                             | 3,895 24 |             |
| Tuition .....                                                                  | 11 32    |             |
| Total Reimbursements .....                                                     |          | \$11,130 41 |

### TAXATION COST OF SCHOOLS.

|                            |             |             |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total Expenditures .....   | \$34,125 55 |             |
| Reimbursements .....       | 11,130 41   |             |
| Net Cost by Taxation ..... |             | \$22,995 14 |

### EXPENDITURES.

|                                |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| School Committee Expense ..... | \$25 00  |
| Superintendent's Salary .....  | 1,524 20 |

|                                        |        |    |             |
|----------------------------------------|--------|----|-------------|
| Superintendent's Expenses .....        | 226    | 75 |             |
| Salary of Music Supervisor .....       | 264    | 00 |             |
| Salary of Handwriting Supervisor ..... | 350    | 00 |             |
| Salaries of Teachers .....             | 17,020 | 59 |             |
| Textbooks .....                        | 527    | 05 |             |
| School Supplies .....                  | 470    | 97 |             |
| Wages of Janitor .....                 | 2,099  | 76 |             |
| Fuel .....                             | 1,077  | 36 |             |
| Janitor's Supplies .....               | 411    | 87 |             |
| Electricity .....                      | 236    | 13 |             |
| Telephone .....                        | 90     | 45 |             |
| Repairs .....                          | 3,789  | 41 |             |
| Health .....                           | 462    | 64 |             |
| Transportation .....                   | 5,190  | 97 |             |
| New Equipment .....                    | 358    | 40 |             |
| Total Expenditures .....               | —————  |    | \$34,125 55 |

## REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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Mendon, Massachusetts.

January 5, 1948.

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF MENDON:

The School Committee desire to extend to you a most prosperous and progressive year ahead as we make this report to you.

We sincerely appreciate your earnest support of our efforts in behalf of all of us for maintaining and improving our school system.

We have tried diligently to spend your money wisely and to procure the best where possible.

We desire to bring to your attention that we are deeply indebted to your able and efficient Finance Committee for competent advice and untiring assistance in our behalf in the many problems that confronted us.

The new sewer system that began functioning in September 1947 is an improvement of sufficient size to take care of future demands such as would be required by an Auditorium if it becomes possible to build it sometime in the near future.

We are indebted to Mr. Robert Donnelly for invaluable assistance and advice in planning for the construction of the

sewer system and to Mr. Carlton Goss who sacrificed his own time to supervise and construct the same for us.

When Philgas was installed for use in the school lunch kitchen an extension was run up to the Physics Laboratory providing gas facilities there for experiments in modern instruction.

Proper drainage has been provided for the Domestic Science room sink so that no further trouble should be encountered there in the future.

The overwhelming response to the lunch program as sponsored by the PTA brought an improvement to the school system that is indicative of the progressiveness of Mendon's Townfolk. This has also brought mothers in direct contact with school life which no doubt has given them a new insight into our educational program.

Realizing that the need for further increasing salaries of school personnel has been prominently discussed all over the country we merely add that we are faced with the seriousness of this condition and have made plans to improve our comparatively low salary schedule in our recommended budget for 1948. We earnestly solicit your support in this matter.

The acquirement of new and improved equipment is fully discussed in the report of our capable Superintendent, Mr. Percy Rowe.

With such a great responsibility having been entrusted to us we appreciate the opportunity of serving you as School Committeemen.

We are investigating the possibility of improving our water supply system in an effort to reduce the excessive cor-

rosive characteristics that cause abnormal maintenance costs of the plumbing and heating systems.

We appreciate the co-operation that has so faithfully been given us by Superintendent Rowe, Principal Clough, our splendid Teaching Staff, Mr. Raymond Barrows and the transportation men—Mr. Harold Barrows and Mr. Jesse White.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN LUNDVALL, Chairman,

ROBERT CHASE, Secretary,

GORDON GOOD,

Mendon School Committee.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

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Mendon, Massachusetts,  
January 5, 1948.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF MENDON:

GENTLEMEN:

It is with pleasure that I submit to you for your consideration my fifth annual report as Superintendent of Schools of Mendon.

Again in 1947 there were only two changes in the faculty membership. Mrs. Ann deNevers was engaged to replace Miss Rita Manion in the English Department, and Mrs. Louise Benotti replaced Mrs. Virginia Farrell in the Home Economics Department. Mrs. deNevers is a graduate of Pennsylvania State College with an A. B. degree. Mrs. Benotti is a graduate of Simmons College, and holds a B. S. degree. Mr. Edgar B. Beal was elected Supervisor of Music and began his work the first of February. Mr. Beal was well qualified for this work and was appointed for the following year. However, as Mr. Beal lived in Wakefield, he found that the cost of commuting was too great, and he resigned in September, two weeks after the opening of school. At present we have not been successful in obtaining another Music Supervisor. Attempts are being made to locate another music teacher.

The actual instruction carried on in the various classrooms in our regular courses of study is continuing on a high level. The teachers are making every effort to secure high achievement in pupil progress, and to promote health, char-

acter, and good citizenship. A standardized testing program has been carried on in some of the lower grades. A new Bausch and Lomb compound microscope was purchased for use in the Science Department. A new set of *World Book Encyclopedias* has been secured for reference material.

It is pleasing to note that this year more of our teachers are taking professional courses than ever before, both during the school year and the summer months. Teachers have attended Boston University, Clark University, and a Harvard-Boston University Extension Course. This additional work on the part of teachers is of direct benefit to the town, in that the most modern and progressive methods are being brought back to the classroom.

The Rinehart System of Handwriting, which was introduced in Center School in September of 1946, has proved so satisfactory that again this year we have continued using this method. Close supervision of this work by the Rinehart Handwriting experts assures success. The work is functional, and penmanship instruction in the classroom carries over into the written work of every other subject. Individual classroom records, kept since the introduction of the system, show a gradual, but definite improvement.

The total school enrollment as of October 1, 1947 was 249. This is practically the same as last year when 247 pupils were enrolled. A somewhat larger increase was expected. The next few years should show a gradually expanding membership. The following table shows the number of births recorded in Mendon during the ten-year period, 1937-1946 inclusive, also the October 1 enrollment figures.

| Year | Number of Births | Enrollment |
|------|------------------|------------|
| 1937 | 21               | 261        |
| 1938 | 16               | 272        |



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| 1939 | 24   | 263 |
| 1940 | 25   | 274 |
| 1941 | 28   | 298 |
| 1942 | 37   | 307 |
| 1943 | 32   | 284 |
| 1944 | 25   | 262 |
| 1945 | 18   | 249 |
| 1946 | 32   | 247 |
| 1947 | .... | 249 |

Considering the birth rate alone, the first grade classes in 1948 and 1949 will be larger than for some time. With the exception of 1945, the birth rates in the 1940's substantially exceed those in the 1930's. The September 1948 entering first grade will be unusually large, as it will consist largely of those children who were born in 1942.

American Education Week was observed in the school during the week of November 9-15. The general theme for this year's program was: "The Schools Are Yours." "Open House" day was held on Wednesday, November 12. Many parents took this opportunity to visit their schools. Parents are cordially invited to visit the school and classes at any time. Harmonious co-operation between the parents and the school leads to a better understanding of each individual pupil.

During the past few years the cost of education has increased tremendously. This is due to increased costs of teachers' salaries, and of all the materials and supplies used. Further salary increase will have to be given teachers in order to keep good teachers in our system. The continued high cost of living makes mandatory a corresponding increase in salaries. In the 1947 session of the General Court, bills were introduced that would greatly increase State aid to cities and towns

for educational purposes. None of these bills were passed. In the 1948 legislature other bills will again be introduced for this purpose. It is sincerely hoped that this year's legislature will take some definite and decided action that will aid all of the cities and towns of the Commonwealth in financing the cost of education.

One of the most outstanding achievements accomplished for several years has been the installation of a modern and fully equipped lunchroom. Upon the opening of the lunchroom in September, a large number of pupils availed themselves of the opportunity to obtain hot lunches. The percentage of pupils continuing to get lunches daily has continued to be very high. Credit for this very important improvement in the school program goes to the Mendon Parent-Teacher Association who initiated and developed the entire plan. Credit must also be given to the parents who come to the school daily and give their valuable time to assist in preparing and serving the meals, also to everyone who so ably assisted financially in getting the plan started. Without the splendid co-operation of all, the success of the project would have fallen far short of the efficient organization we now have. The townspeople have every right to be proud of this accomplishment.

Another major problem has been solved by connecting the sink in the Home Economics room to the new sewage disposal system. Since the new building was constructed, the water from this sink has never drained off. We feel that this trouble has been permanently eliminated.

For some years the sewage system of the school has been very unsatisfactory, and has frequently caused trouble and expense. Early in the year the school committee decided that if possible something should be done to correct the situation this year. Some exploratory work was done in 1946. During the summer Mr. Robert M. Donnelly was contacted by the committee and conferences began in regard to this work.

After lengthy study plans were drawn up by Mr. Donnelly, and construction began. The plan called for a large septic tank of 6,000 gallon capacity about 150 feet from the building, and a connecting cesspool 8 feet in diameter and 8 feet deep. Work was completed late in September, and the new system

put into operation. This system completely bypasses the old one and is in no way connected with it. Much credit is due Mr. Donnelly for his efforts and time spent in connection with this project. Owing to the nature of the soil, that is, its non-porous quality, it will probably be necessary this coming spring to construct an additional cesspool, or lay tile fields to handle any excess affluent. This was anticipated before construction was started. However, the bulk of the work is done and possible additional costs will not be large. The cost of this project was taken care of from the regular school budget plus a \$500 transfer by the finance committee. We have been fortunate to have completed so large an undertaking without additional cost to the town. The system will take care of nearly double the present enrollment, and should last for many years.

The outstanding repairs made during the year have been the sewer construction job and the sink connection in the Home Economics room which have been mentioned in other paragraphs. Other items of repair consist of installing gas in the science laboratory, repair of cold air chambers as recommended by the State building inspector, new grates in the boiler and other routine plumbing and heating repairs.

For 1948 among the needs to be considered are a more efficient heating system, new desks for first and second grade rooms, two new typewriters and an adding machine for the Commercial Department, a sound motion picture projector for educational and instructional purposes, painting of several classrooms, painting of the lunchroom, and resurfacing the tennis courts.

May I conclude by expressing to you my sincere thanks for your untiring efforts in making the school year very successful. I also wish to express my appreciation for the hearty co-operation of Mr. Clough, Principal, the teachers, the P.T.A., pupils, parents, and townspeople.

Respectfully submitted,  
PERCY L. ROWE,  
Superintendent of Schools.

October 1, 1947

## AGE AND GRADE CHART

| Grade | AGE |   |   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |   |     |     |     | Totals<br>Boys | Totals<br>Girls | Totals |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     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## REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL.

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TO MR. PERCY L. ROWE,  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:—

I herewith submit the annual report of the Mendon High and Center School.

The enrollment figures given in detail in the Grade Age Distribution Chart show that the school membership is substantially unchanged from last year's registration.

The graduation exercises of the Class of 1947 of the High School were held at the Mendon Unitarian Church on the evening of June 12, 1947. Members of the class were: Helen M. Auty, Gilbert W. Beal, Priscilla R. Chick, Marilyn H. Halsing, Ann M. Mattson, Arthur F. Paddock, Shirley A. Robinson, Earl W. Rogers, Madeline L. Simmons, Marilyn A. Souls, Lois J. Wagner. First scholarship honors were won by Gilbert W. Beal, and second honors by Ann M. Mattson. Madeline L. Simmons was awarded the High School Alumni Medal. Shirley A. Robinson received the Good Citizenship Award and Diploma from the Massachusetts Daughters of the American Revolution.

Prize Speaking was held at the Mendon Town Hall April 11, 1947. The following pupils participated in the contest: Donald E. Coburn, Margaret C. Desmarais, Herbert L. Johnson, Edward J. Lamothe, Richard M. Mattson, Fred R. Phipps, Faye A. Pouliot, Annette O. Rondeau, Helen N. Sabin, Madeline L. Simmons. Prizes were awarded as follows: First



Prize—Helen N. Sabin; Second Prize—Annette O. Rondeau; Third Prize—Faye A. Pouliot.

The High School Baseball Team played a full schedule of games under the direction of Mr. Raymond F. Biedrzycki of the high school faculty.

The installation of a lunch room in the basement of the school building is one of the most important changes in the school plant during the past year. The project, initiated and managed by the Mendon Parent-Teacher Association, has been very successful in its operation since the opening in September. The lunch room is well furnished with equipment of quality. The lunch program operates as part of the Massachusetts Community School Lunch Program, a subdivision of the Massachusetts State Department of Education. The continued steady patronage of the very large majority of the school pupils has shown that it is well liked by pupils and parents.

The Class of 1947 was able to make the customary trip to Washington, D. C. during the Spring vacation, and the present senior class is making plans for the same tour during the week of April 18, 1948. The general rise in price levels has become apparent in Washington Trip costs, and a gradual increase in per capita cost has been a fact during the past few years. However, it seems probable that the present regulations governing the amount of individual pupil contribution will be satisfactory for the immediate future.

School attendance in general is good. In high school, individual cases of tardiness seem to require considerable attention, however. Grade pupils and high school students alike need to attend school regularly and promptly. Regularity and promptness in attendance constitute a habit which has definite value in everyday life. Parents and Teachers do well in insisting that tardiness and unnecessary absence be eliminated.



Honesty, goodwill, fair play, co-operation, industry, and right thinking are some of the traits of character which schools have tried to establish and nurture in growing boys and girls, as a part of the more tangible objectives in education. All sincere teachers and parents recognize that the attainment of these ends is a co-operative effort calling for the best efforts of all concerned.

Parents are urged to visit school whenever convenient. The teachers and school principal are ready at all times to confer with parents.

In conclusion, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the teaching staff, the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Rowe, the members of the School Committee, and parents and townspeople.

Respectfully submitted,  
HENRY P. CLOUGH,  
Principal.

## SCHOOL NURSE'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1947.

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TO MR. PERCY L. ROWE,  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:—

May I present to you the school nurse's report for the year ending December 1947.

It was a procedure, as in former years, to visit the school once a week, usually on a Tuesday. The nurse's time was spent assisting Dr. Campbell with the physical examinations, periodic general inspections of children, weighing and measuring three times a year, handling emergencies and problem cases while visiting.

The Mendon School children for the past few years have been unusually free from contagious diseases. We did have cases of impetigo and scabies, two skin diseases. There was one severe complication following a case of measles but the child finally made a good recovery. As far as possible the cases of measles were visited to check on care and progress.

Due to an increase in cases of diphtheria in Massachusetts the Mendon Board of Health gave your school nurse permission to arrange for a booster dose of Toxoid to be given to the school children as well as pre-school children. Fifty school children and twenty pre-school children were given the one treatment or Booster dose as well as seven school children and ten pre-school children who received the regular three treatments.

The following is a summary of the work done by the nurse on the days she visited the school.

|                                                                                                                                    |     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Number of Cleanliness Inspections of Pupils .....                                                                                  | 172 |
| Number of Classroom Inspections of Pupils .....                                                                                    | 67  |
| Number of Pupils Advised .....                                                                                                     | 198 |
| Number of Pupils Inspected for Diseases .....                                                                                      | 158 |
| Number of Pupils Treated for Minor Injuries .....                                                                                  | 47  |
| Number of Pupils Excluded from School .....                                                                                        | 37  |
| Number of Health Talks to Classes .....                                                                                            | 12  |
| Number of Talks with Teachers Regarding Pupils .....                                                                               | 128 |
| Number of Hours Spent Assisting Dr. Campbell .....                                                                                 | 12  |
| Number of Children Transported Home Due to Illness .....                                                                           | 18  |
| Number of Home Visits Regarding Absentees or<br>Health Conditions .....                                                            | 138 |
| Number of Home Visits Made in June and July to Chil-<br>dren Entering School in September and for cor-<br>rection of Defects ..... | 54  |

The following is a summary of the defects found by Dr. Campbell during the Annual Physical examinations in the fall.

|                                 |    |
|---------------------------------|----|
| Defective Teeth .....           | 50 |
| Enlarged Tonsils .....          | 37 |
| Enlarged Adenoids .....         | 7  |
| Swollen Glands .....            | 2  |
| Wax in Ears .....               | 12 |
| Defective Heart Sounds .....    | 6  |
| Skin Disease .....              | 6  |
| Anemia .....                    | 2  |
| Signs of Nervous Disorder ..... | 1  |

Notices of these defects as well as weight tags were sent home to parents.

The majority of homes of all new children entering school throughout the year were visited, to meet the mothers and obtain a health history of these children.

In closing may I express my gratitude to Mr. Rowe, Mr. Clough and all the teachers for their courtesy and co-operation. May I also thank the School Committee, the Board of Health and the parents for their support and confidence.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN C. GRADY, R. N.,

School Nurse.

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#### REPORT OF VISION TESTS.

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|----------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Number of Pupils Tested for Vision .....           | 240 |
| Number of Pupils Found with Defective Vision ..... | 8   |
| Number of Parents Notified .....                   | 8   |

# MENDON HIGH SCHOOL PRIZE SPEAKING CONTEST

MENDON TOWN HALL, APRIL 11, 1947.

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Duty, Honor, Country ..... Finch  
Fred R. Phipps

George Washington Slept Here ..... Hart and Kaufman  
Faye A. Pouliot

Have Faith in America ..... Grassi  
Richard M. Mattson

Il Bacio ..... Ardit  
Anne C. Watson

The Last Leaf ..... O. Henry  
Helen N. Sabin

Stay Strong, America ..... Martin  
Herbert L. Johnson

Carrie Becomes an Amateur Actress ..... George  
Annette O. Rondeau

Indian Love Call ..... Friml  
Evelyn C. Wandres

And Sudden Death ..... Furnas  
Edward J. Lamothe

- Dog of War ..... Davenport  
 Madeline L. Simmons
- Incidents in the Life of a Mississippi Pilot ..... Paine  
 Donald E. Coburn
- The Bride's Difficulties ..... Kempe  
 Margaret C. Desmarais
- Still as the Night ..... Bohn  
 Evelyn C. Wandres
- Song of India ..... Korsakoff  
 Anne C. Watson
- Decision of Judges

GRADUATION EXERCISES  
OF  
MENDON HIGH SCHOOL  
UNITARIAN CHURCH  
THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 1947.

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PROGRAM

- Processional—Pomp and Circumstance ..... Elgar  
Mrs. Bertha B. Rogers
- Invocation  
Rev. Raymond A. Sabin
- Salutatory and Essay—Henry Ford  
Ann Marie Mattson
- Song—On the Road to Mandalay ..... Speaks-Bliss  
High School Chorus
- Essay—Admiral Richard Byrd  
Earl W. Rogers
- Song—Stouthearted Men ..... Romberg  
High School Chorus
- Essay—George Marshall—Statesman and Soldier  
Madeline L. Simmons
- Song—Goin' Home ..... Dvorak  
High School Chorus



Essay and Valedictory—Henry Kaiser  
Gilbert W. Beal

Award and Diploma Presentation  
Mr. John L. Lundvall

Chairman of School Committee

Star Spangled Banner

Benediction  
Rev. Raymond A. Sabin

Recessional—Triumphal March ..... Costa  
Mrs. Bertha B. Rogers

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GRADUATES OF MENDON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1947.

Helen Auty  
Gilbert Beal  
Priscilla Chick  
Marilyn Halsing  
Ann Marie Mattson  
Arthur Paddock  
Shirley Robinson  
Earl Rogers  
Madeline Simmons  
Marilyn Souls  
Lois Wagner

# TOWN WARRANT

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

*Worcester, ss.*

To the Constable of the Town of Mendon in the County of  
Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Mendon qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Mendon on Monday, the first day of March A. D., 1948, punctually at 9 o'clock A. M., to act on the following articles, 1 and 2. Article 3 and all following Articles on this Warrant will be acted upon Friday, the sixth day of March at 7 P. M.

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside over said meeting.

Article 2. To bring in their ballots for the following Town Officers:

One Town Clerk for one year;  
One Selectman for three years;  
One Assessor for three years;  
One Town Treasurer for one year;

- One Auditor for one year;
- One Constable for one year;
- One Tree Warden for one year;
- One Trustee of the Taft Public Library  
for two years;
- One Member of the School Committee  
for three years;
- One Member of the School Committee for one year;
- One Park Commissioner for three years;
- One Highway Surveyor for one year;
- One Water Commissioner for three years;

all on one ballot designating the office intended for each person voted for.

Article 3. To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and Committees and act thereon.

Article 4. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 5. To appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town expenses for the financial year beginning January 1, 1948.

(This is not a complete Warrant.)

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in said Mendon and causing a copy to be published once in the Milford Daily News, a newspaper published in Milford, Mass., both said posting and publication to be at least seven days before the time of the meeting hereby ordered to be held.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said town before the time of meeting aforesaid.

HAROLD METCALF,  
D. VICTOR SMITH,  
LEE P. McFARLAND,

Selectmen of Mendon.













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